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Steve Bradley has over 40 years' experience in the fire industry. He worked many years for a leading global fire & security company, first for 20 years in the contracting/services business followed by 20 years in the product sales business where he became a Vice President Sales & Business Development for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). Steve has worked and lived in Canada, The Netherlands and UK and has held responsibility for ASIA. He is now responsible for Potter Sprinkler monitoring and corrosion prevention products across EMEA.



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Robert Reinermann is CEO of VdS and has held this position for 10 years. VdS is a fully owned subsidiary of the German Insurance Association (GDV) and is one of the leading independent testing and certification institutions in the security and safety market. Dr. Reinermann has a doctorate in Psychology, holds an MBA & Engineering degree (with a focus on management and mechanical engineering) and is a certified systems security professional (CISSP).



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