

Ranger Fire and Security expands footprint in Scotland and North-East England with significant acquisition of Secureshield

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Ranger Fire and Security has announced the latest acquisition of Motherwell and Newcastle based fire, security and critical services company, Secureshield.

The acquisition marks another milestone in Ranger's continued growth and expansion, with Secureshield building out the Group's footprint in Scotland and North-Eastern England. With plans for further imminent regional acquisitions in the pipeline, this announcement reiterates Ranger's mission to become the one-stop solution in the UK and Ireland for fire and security services.

Secureshield offers maintenance and maintenance related works in fire and security disciplines with national coverage. Widely recognised for their high-quality service in the fire, security and critical services industry, Secureshield's team of over 70 employees enables them to commission and deliver maintenance services across the UK.

Secureshield is a leading independent provider of emergency lighting, CCTV, access control and Technology Enabled Care Services (TECS), such as social alarms and call systems – with a diverse range of SME and larger corporate clients across both public and private sectors, such as the MoD and NHS.

The company is led by Managing Director John Hunter, who will also be appointed as Ranger's Regional Chair in addition to his current role. Alongside Ian Teader (Ranger Group Managing Director), John will lead Ranger's organic and inorganic expansion in Scotland and the North-East.

The Secureshield management team, will be instrumental as Ranger looks to expand through acquisitions and partnerships. Following Ranger's strategy and criteria to find the right team to back, Billy Hunter (Sales), Lorna Forsyth (Finance) and Rory Walker (Operations) will all stay onboard and will be key to enabling future growth.

With this strong leadership, backed by a robust customer and client base, solid maintenance portfolio, and experienced management team, Secureshield is poised for continued growth within the Ranger Group, expanding the company's resources, and opening up further cross-selling opportunities for all Ranger businesses.

Mark Bridges, CEO of Ranger Fire and Security, said: *"Secureshield is a highly respected key player in the fire, security and maintenance space. Their joining of the Ranger Group will expand our geographic reach and industry expertise.*

"With a strong management team led by John, Billy, Lorna, and Rory, this acquisition provides us with a fantastic opportunity to drive further growth and cross selling opportunities - helping Ranger to deliver our mission of a high-quality one stop fire and security solution across the UK and Ireland."

John Hunter, Managing Director of Secureshield said: *"There was a huge amount of interest in Secureshield, but with a shared focus on growth and delivering the highest quality service for our customers and clients, Ranger was absolutely the right partner for Secureshield's future.*

We looked at a number of options to take Secureshield to the next level but felt that Ranger was best equipped with their experience and partnership led approach to deliver on our goals.

"I am looking forward to working closely with Mark and the Ranger team to grow Secureshield's presence, enhancing our existing portfolio, fostering greater collaboration across the group, and by the prospect of us serving as the hub for development and expansion."

The announcement builds on Ranger Fire and Security's previous acquisitions of [AFIL](#), [Ignis Fire Protection Ltd](#), [Syncro Group Ltd](#), [IPH Fire Solutions Ltd](#), [Fire Door Specialists Ltd](#), and [KSS Fire Suppression](#), which together have helped Ranger to enhance its offering in all key areas of fire and security services, such as fire detection and alarms, extinguisher maintenance, passive fire and security services.

Since launching earlier this year, with backing from the private investment firm Hyperion Equity Partners, Ranger has embarked on a mission to establish itself as the leading one-stop solution provider in the fire and safety sector, offering a comprehensive range of services through both regional and national operations, and providing a seamless customer experience. Funding for the acquisition was provided by ThinCats.