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Kane Innovations Increases Focus on K-12 School Security

Security Screen Products Provide Added Protection for Primary and Secondary Schools

ERIE, **PA** – Kane Innovations today unveiled a group of K-12 school entrance security screen products through their Kane Security brand. The security screens deter and resist aggressive, forcible entry attacks when mounted to the interior or exterior of front doors and glass sidelights at primary and secondary schools.

The 125-year-old architectural products company will employ their existing Aluminum Protector security screen as the flagship K-12 school entrance product, with an entirely new security screen, the Super Vandal Shield, making an introduction within the coming months.

The K-12 school entrance security screens each feature extremely strong components, which include a heavy extruded aluminum frame surrounding either stainless steel wire cloth or perforated panel infill material. Virtually invisible from every vantage point, the screens seem to completely disappear from view, similar to typical, residential insect screens. Although standard options are available up-front, schools do have the option to customize everything from the dimensions and function (i.e. fixed or operable), to the infill type and frame color. Custom graphics, such as logos, varsity letters and mascot designs, can be dye-sublimated onto the screens to add a decorative touch and an air of school spirit.

Aside from sturdy construction, another noteworthy benefit of the K-12 school entrance security screens is affordability. In general, security screens are priced less than impact-resistant film, while also serving as a more cost-effective alternative to retrofitting entrances with bullet-resistant glass.

Although K-12 schools have been a mainstay of Kane Innovations' target screens market line-up since 1959, the company has opted to place increased focus on school entrances in particular, due to an uptick in demand. Kane Innovations cites the 2012 Connecticut shooting as an example of why appropriate protection at this particular access point is so desperately needed. At the start of the devastating massacre in Newtown just three years ago, the assailant shot through the plate glass panel adjacent to the locked front doors in order to gain access to the inside of the school; a situation that may have been prevented had the appropriate physical security measures been implemented at the time.

Over the past 56 years, Kane Innovations has completed work for school districts both large and small, ranging from the largest metropolitan areas, to some of the smallest American towns.

General Manager, Michael Show, said in a statement today, "Not only am I proud to offer the Kane Innovations' K-12 school entrance security screen products from a senior management perspective, but as a parent myself, I couldn't be more moved by the prospect of saving student lives by delaying the entry of intruders, if only by minutes."

About Kane Innovations, Inc:

Kane Innovations products have been 'Guardians of Safe Environments' since 1890. The company's railing systems, ornamental metal fabrications, security screens and detention products are all fabricated by expert metalworkers, between its two Pennsylvania locations. Kane's American-made products have been found in, on, and around many well-known structures, including The White House, The Statue of Liberty and One World Trade Center.

Kane Innovations' brands include Sterling Dula: Railings + Fencing by Kane, Kane Security: Screens by Kane, Kane Detention: Protection by Kane and Kane Fabrications: Ornamental Metals by Kane.

To learn more about Kane Innovations, visit <u>www.kaneinnovations.com</u> or call 800-773-2439.

Additional information on Kane Innovations' K-12 school entrance security screens can be found at <u>www.kaneinnovations.com/k-12</u>.

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