



## **Fastenal 'Blue Team' to Ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell on August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Winona, MN – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – Two mainstays of Fastenal's success over the years have been *Fastenal people* (the driving force behind the company's innovation and customer service) and *fasteners* (Fastenal's original and still-predominant product offering). So it's fitting that Fastenal people from across the continent will represent the company at the August 18<sup>th</sup> NASDAQ Opening Bell Ceremony, and that they earned the privilege by winning a fastener sales contest.

In all, 65 Fastenal employees will take the stage at the NASDAQ MarketSite. All were top performers in the company's recent 'Bolt for the Bell' competition. The mission: sell more bolts, nuts and other fasteners. The reward: a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit New York and ring the NASDAQ Opening Bell.

"We're taking this opportunity to shine the spotlight where it belongs – on our people," said Fastenal Chairman and CEO Will Oberton. "These individuals are great representatives of our 18,000-plus hard-working employees and everything they do to make *their* company a success."

The group includes the contest's top-performing district managers and store general managers from each of Fastenal's 21 sales regions within the US and Canada. Bell-ringing honors will go to Katy Pickett of Elkhart, Indiana, a 12-year Fastenal employee and the top-performing district manager in the contest.

Fastenal has been publicly traded on the NASDAQ exchange since our IPO in 1987, at which time 1,000 shares of company stock sold for \$9,000. As of Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, those 1,000 shares, having split seven times, had become 96,000 shares worth approximately \$4.2 million. This stock appreciation, plus over \$500,000 in cumulative dividends, represents a great 'return' on an investment in the people who represent the Fastenal 'Blue Team.'

This will be the third time Fastenal has rung the NASDAQ opening bell. The company previously opened the market in 2007 to celebrate our 40-year business anniversary and our 20-years as a public company; and in 2011, when another large group of company contest winners represented Fastenal at the NASDAQ MarketSite.

***Fastenal will ring the NASDAQ stock market opening bell on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. EST. A live webcast of the NASDAQ Opening Bell will be available at <https://new.livestream.com/nasdaq/live>.***

### **About Fastenal**

Fastenal sells different types of industrial and construction supplies in the following product categories: threaded fasteners and miscellaneous supplies; tools; metal cutting tool blades and abrasives; fluid transfer components and accessories for hydraulic and pneumatic power; material handling; storage and packaging products; janitorial, chemical and paint products; electrical supplies; welding supplies; safety supplies; metals, alloys and materials; and office supplies.

Fastenal operates approximately 2,700 stores located primarily in North America with additional locations in Asia, Europe, Central and South America, and Africa. The Company operates 14 distribution centers; eleven in the United States - Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Georgia, Washington, California, Utah, North Carolina, Kansas, and three outside the United States - Ontario, Canada; Alberta, Canada; and Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

Additional information regarding Fastenal is available on the Fastenal Company website at [www.fastenal.com](http://www.fastenal.com).

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