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SNAP-TITE'S WARRIOR™ ACHIEVES OFFICIAL UL-19 LISTING AND TYPE 1 CERTIFICATION

*First and only fire hose in North America to withstand 15 minutes
of extreme heat without failure*

ERIE, PA — September 1, 2025 — Snap-tite Hose, a leading manufacturer of premium fire hose solutions, announced today that its Warrior™ municipal attack fire hose has officially been UL-19 listed and qualifies for Type 1 certification, making it the only fire hose in North America to achieve this designation.



UL-19 Type 1 certification represents the highest standards in heat resistance and hose performance. To qualify, the Warrior™ endured rigorous testing — withstanding 15 minutes of both radiant and conductive heat exposure with no leakage and no loss of pressure.

When firefighters enter an emergency situation, their safety depends on equipment that won't fail under pressure. The fire hose is one of the most critical tools, and while many claim to be “tested” and “proven,” not all have certification to back it up.

That's where UL-19 comes in. This Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standard for lined fire hoses and hose assemblies ensures reliable performance in life-or-death situations. UL-19 isn't just a box to check. It's a rigorous benchmark that sets clear performance expectations and delivers peace of mind for firefighters and the communities they protect.

What is UL-19?

UL-19 is the Underwriters Laboratories safety standard for lined fire hoses and hose assemblies. It lays out strict testing and performance requirements to make sure fire hoses can withstand the extreme conditions firefighters face like:

- **High heat** - Exposure to flames, radiant heat, or hot surfaces.
- **High pressure** - Hoses must stay intact and not rupture under water pressure.
- **Durability** - Resistance to abrasion, repeated bending, and long-term aging.



Unlike some standards that allow self-certification, UL requires third-party testing and ongoing inspections, which enhances credibility and consistency.

"This achievement is a direct reflection of our commitment to listening to the voice of the firefighter," said Jim Novinsky, Snap-tite Hose CEO. "We don't design our hose to fail. We design it to perform — every time, in the most extreme conditions."

The Story Behind Warrior™

Born out of tragedy, Snap-tite's Warrior™ Hose was developed in response to a call placed on manufacturers to improve the heat resistance of fire hoses because lives were at risk if they didn't.

That call came from Kathy Crosby-Bell of the **Last Call Foundation (LCF)** in Memory of her son – **Fallen Firefighter Michael Kennedy**. Kathy pushed the manufacturing industry to apply today's technologies to fire hose manufacturing after her son, along with Fire Lt. Edward Walsh, were tragically killed in a Boston fire when their hose burned through.

"When Michael died, I was told his hose never got water in that awful fire," said Crosby-Bell. "At Michael's gravesite, I swore to him that I would fix it. Snap-tite's Warrior™ has done that."

The Warrior™ represents a significant advancement in fire hose technology, offering superior durability and heat resistance. Designed to withstand the most extreme conditions, the Warrior™ is a testament to the ongoing innovation within the industry and honors the bravery and sacrifice of firefighters nationwide.

"The Warrior™ is the hose they should have had in the first place," said Crosby-Bell.

Firefighters deserve a hose they can trust when facing rapidly evolving firegrounds and extreme thermal environments. That's why Snap-tite's engineering team went to work when developing the Warrior™, drawing on decades of hose innovation and collaborating with fire service professionals to ensure the best fire hose in the world would live up to its name.

Since its introduction, Warrior™ has become a trusted frontline tool for fire departments across the country. Its design blends lightweight maneuverability with rugged thermal resistance, making it a favorite for interior attack lines where conditions can quickly become life-threatening. The new UL Type 1 certification validates what firefighters have long known — Warrior™ delivers unmatched confidence when it matters most.

Built with Integrity. Backed by Performance.

Like all Snap-tite products, the Warrior™ is 100% American-made at the company's facilities in Erie and Union City, Pennsylvania. As the only ISO 9001:2015 certified lay-flat hose manufacturer in North America, Snap-tite tests every hose before it leaves the factory, ensuring consistent quality and performance.

In addition, Snap-tite has committed to a 28-day or less shipping guarantee, ensuring departments receive the life-saving equipment they need — faster.



For more information about **Warrior™** or to place an order, contact Snap-tite Hose at customerservice@snaptitehose.com or visit SnaptiteHose.com.

About Snap-tite Hose

Snap-tite Hose has been manufacturing premium fire hose solutions for nearly six decades. With a commitment to American manufacturing and uncompromising quality, Snap-tite products are trusted by fire departments nationwide. The company's ISO 9001:2015 certification guarantees consistent, high-performance products that meet the demanding needs of modern firefighting applications.

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