



Whelen Engineering Announces Passing of Phil Kurze

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Chester, Connecticut, December 13, 2018 - Phil Kurze, Whelen Engineering Vice President of Motorsports and Mass Notification, passed away Wednesday at 69. Phil's career at Whelen spanned over 25 years.

Phil's passion for motorsports spearheaded Whelen's participation in multiple NASCAR partnerships. His devotion and dedication to short track and modified racing was evident with his involvement in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, and NASCAR Whelen Euro Series.

He was a massive advocate for the Whelen Hall of Champions at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was proud to create a space for all NASCAR champions from every racing level to be honored together.

Whelen President and CEO George Whelen V said, "Whelen would not be where it is today in the NASCAR community without the efforts of Phil Kurze. It was an honor to work with Phil for so many years. He was genuine and kind to all."

Phil was also a passionate first responder. He served as a police sergeant for Deep River, CT and a Police Commissioner for Colchester, CT. He was the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners for 14 years. He also spent time as a volunteer firefighter and Deputy Fire Marshal in Deep River. During his time with the Deep River Fire Department, he created the John R. Kurze Memorial Scholarship to help local students pursue higher education.

George "Sonny" Whelen IV said, "Phil was instrumental to Whelen's involvement in motorsports, as well as in the Bo-Dyn Bobsled Project. His passion for racing and his ability to fight for what he believed in have left a lasting mark on Whelen Engineering and the world of motorsports."

The entire Whelen family would like to send their sincere condolences to Phil's wife Jo-Ann and their family. Phil will truly be missed.

About Whelen Engineering

Whelen designs and manufactures reliable and powerful warning lights, White illumination lighting, sirens, controllers, and high-powered warning systems for Automotive, Aviation, and Mass Notification industries worldwide. Every part of every Whelen product is proudly designed and manufactured in America and is tested on-site to meet the toughest industry certifications. On the road, in the air, and around the world, Whelen is trusted to be seen, trusted to be heard, trusted to perform.