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Joe Sykora, Vice President of Americas Sales Operations and Channels for Fortinet, Recognized as 2015 CRN Channel Chief

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 02/23/15 -- Fortinet® (NASDAQ: FTNT), a global leader in high performance cyber security solutions, announced today that Joe Sykora has been named to the prestigious list of the 2015 CRN Channel Chiefs. The influential executives on this annual list represent the most powerful leaders in the IT channel who hold direct responsibility for driving growth and revenue for their organizations through their indirect channel partners. Individuals are selected for inclusion based on their track record of channel accomplishments, standing in the industry, dedication to the partner community, and plans for driving future business innovation and channel growth.

The 2015 CRN Channel Chiefs have demonstrated their enduring support for the channel by consistently defending, promoting and executing effective channel partner programs and strategies.

Sykora was chosen to join this prestigious list of leaders due to his channel experience, program innovations, success developing and leading partner programs that drive channel sales and public support for the importance of channel involvement selling solutions that protect customers from cyber threats.

"Each year, our editors carefully vet an extensive group of highly accomplished channel executives to highlight those exemplary individuals who earn the mantle of CRN Channel Chief. These executives strive to advance the success and standing of the channel community within their organizations. The 2015 CRN Channel Chiefs lead by example and serve as valuable advocates to help ensure the health and longevity of the IT channel. We applaud their accomplishments and look forward to their continued success," said Robert Faletra, CEO, The Channel Company.

"I'm honored to be recognized on *CRN's* 2015 Channel Chiefs list," said Sykora. "While this is an incredible honor, we really owe this recognition to our partners who continue to enthusiastically support Fortinet. With greater attention being paid across the cyber threat landscape and the need for providing customers with the most robust solutions for protecting their valuable assets, it's an exciting time to be in the channel. I look forward to another year of helping our partners deliver innovative security solutions to the market."

The 2015 CRN Channel Chiefs list is featured in the February 2015 issue of CRN, and online at www.CRN.com.

About Fortinet

Fortinet (NASDAQ: FTNT) protects the most valuable assets of some of the largest enterprise, service provider and government organizations across the globe. The company's fast, secure and global cyber security solutions provide broad, high-performance protection against dynamic security threats while simplifying the IT infrastructure. They are strengthened by the industry's highest level of threat research, intelligence and analytics. Unlike pure-play network security providers, Fortinet can solve organizations' most important security challenges, whether in networked, application or mobile environments -- be it virtualized/cloud or physical. More than 200,000 customers worldwide, including some of the largest and most complex organizations, trust Fortinet to protect their brands. Learn more at <http://www.fortinet.com>, the [Fortinet Blog](#) or [FortiGuard Labs](#).

About The Channel Company

The Channel Company, with established brands including CRN, XChange Events, IPED and SharedVue, is the channel community's trusted authority for growth and innovation. For more than three decades, we have leveraged our proven and leading-edge platforms to deliver prescriptive sales and marketing solutions for the technology channel. The Channel Company provides Communication, Recruitment, Engagement, Enablement, Demand Generation and Intelligence services to drive technology partnerships. Learn more at www.thechannelcompany.com.

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