

Erie Insurance Appoints New Branch Manager

(Erie, Pa.) April 12, 2011 - Erie Insurance is pleased to announce the appointment of Kristopher C. Marrion as vice president and branch manager of the Raleigh Branch Office. In this role, Marrion will direct and manage profitable revenue growth, field sales effectiveness and Agent and Customer relationships for the branch.

Marrion has been with ERIE since 2003 and most recently held the position of district sales manager in Silver Spring, Md.

Marrion holds a master's degree in Business Administration and a bachelor's degree in Business from York College of Pennsylvania. He is also a Maryland Property & Casualty and Life & Health Licensed Agent.

According to A.M. Best Company, Erie Insurance Group, based in Erie, Pennsylvania, is the 13th largest automobile and homeowners insurer in the United States based on direct premiums written and the 19th largest property/casualty insurer in the United States based on total lines net premium written. The Group, rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, has over 4.2 million policies in force and operates in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Erie Insurance Group ranks 484 on the FORTUNE 500.

Erie Insurance earned <u>J.D. Power and Associates'</u> award for "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with the Auto Insurance Shopping Experience." This recognition is based on the results of the <u>2010 Insurance Shopping Study</u>, which evaluates the experience of customers purchasing a new auto insurance policy. Erie Insurance is proud to be named a J.D. Power and Associates' <u>2011 Customer Service Champion</u> and is only one of 40 companies so named in the U.S. Erie Insurance has also been recognized on the list of Ward's 50 Group of top performing insurance companies. The Ward's 50 award analyzes the financial performance of 3,000 property and casualty companies and nearly 800 life and health insurance companies and recognizes the top performers for achieving outstanding financial results in safety and consistency over a five-year period (2005-2009).

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