

John Demeter, president and founder of Wesco Hmb, Inc. has spent 45 years in the fire suppression industry – 15 as president of RC Industries, a manufacturer of hand portable fire extinguishers, and 30 as president of Wesco. In 2001 he founded Wesco Oxygen, a distributor of medical oxygen, which was sold to Linde Gas in 2006. He is also one of the founding partners of Comprehensive Fire Technologies, a special hazard fire suppression company. He is a past president of the Fire Suppression System Association (FSSA) and has been an active member of their board of directors for over 10 years. He is currently chair of the FSSA's Education Committee. John also sits on the boards of the Halon Alternative Research Corporation (HARC), where he serves as secretary/treasurer and the Halon Recycling Corporation (HRC). He also served as a member of the Federal Aviation Administration's Halon Aviation Rulemaking Committee (2014).

John Received his bachelor's degree in Government from Monmouth University and his master's in international Affairs from the City University of New York. He and his wife of 44 years live in New Jersey and have two grown children.