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Congratulations to the New Jersey Chapter SFPE which has been selected to receive the 2026 SFPE Gold Award of Excellence (ACE). This award represents countless hours the Chapter leadership team and members have invested in bringing SFPE's mission to life locally. From promoting the fire protection engineering profession to providing valuable continuing education opportunities, the chapter has gone above and beyond in service to members and the fire protection community. The SFPE Board of Directors established ACE (formerly known as the Chapter Excellence Awards) in 2005 to recognize SFPE Chapters that demonstrate excellence in contributing to the needs of their members and the Society. Three levels of recognition are awarded — Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The awards are presented annually. Congratulations to all on the job well done.

2026 UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

The Chapter Officers and Trustees will be meeting August 13th at the Chapter Summer Planning meeting to set up the Fall/Winter/Spring Chapter meetings, speakers and events. If you have any ideas or presentations that you think our membership would be interested in send your suggestions and/or ideas to contact@sfpenj.org.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number:	Model VXD Data Center Upgradeable System
Listings/Approvals:	cULus Listed
Sizes:	1-½", 2", 2-½", 3", 4", 6" 8"
Finish:	Black Epoxy Polyester Coating
Material:	Ductile Iron
Trim Offered:	PTR w/wo isolation butterfly valve and separate conversion kit required for upgrade to preaction
Item Price Group:	V406
Occupancy/Hazard:	Commercial
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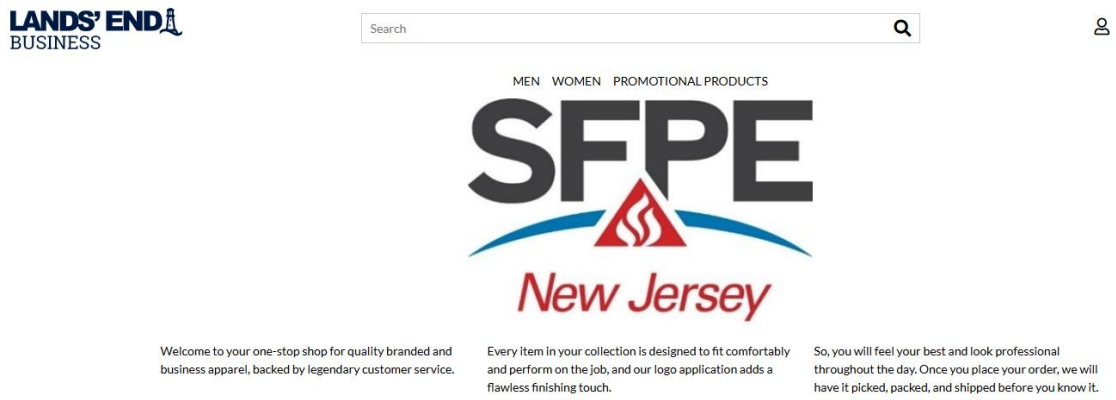

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