



# Don Ezop

Don Ezop serves as the Corporate Consultant at Metro Wire and Cable. Don, the founder and former Owner, President and CEO of Metro Wire, is charged with areas of growing Metro Wire's organization through key vendor and customer relationships.

Don, a Saginaw, Michigan native, moved to metro Detroit in 1974. After several years in electrical sales, Don founded Metro in 1976. Don has vivid memories of opening Metro's humble operations on a card table with no inventory. "Over time, we built relationships and reinvested nearly all of the money we generated into the corporation. Going from zero inventory forty years ago to the stocking levels we have today, it is quite the change, and one that I am very proud of," stated Don.

After several successful years in the Metro Detroit and Midwest markets, Don decided to replicate the brand in a new geographic area, and thus, Metro Wire-Atlanta was founded and opened in 1981. "I spent countless months in Atlanta training and getting this operation up-to-speed, and had a great time doing so," said Don. "I feel in love with the culture, employees and customers in this region and am glad that I decided on this market for our second location."

Growing the brand, stock, customer relationships, employee development, and overall operations poised Metro for growth again in 2008. Seeking new challenges and providing key assistance to a new geographic region and customer base, Metro Wire-Iowa City was opened. "Devin (Ezop) had a lot to do with opening this facility, and deserves much of the credit," Don adds. "Similar to that in Atlanta, we have been able to meet a lot of great customers and have a great team in place. It has been fun watching them (Iowa City) grow over the years."

2016 proved to be a celebratory year for Don on several fronts. Not only did Metro Wire celebrate its fortieth anniversary, but Don also fully sold all entities of Metro Wire to Devin Ezop. "After watching Devin grow up in the business, the time was right for him to take leadership of the company. I have always had full confidence in Devin with everything that he has done and that remains true with the transition at Metro. I am looking forward to watching him take the company to new heights."

Don and his wife (Cheryl) live in the Metro Detroit suburbs. Don enjoys spending time with his family, especially his four grandchildren, traveling and the Detroit Tigers.

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