

GENUINE PARTS CO  
Form 8-K  
May 19, 2016

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

May 19, 2016

Genuine Parts Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

001-05690

58-0254510

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2999 Circle 75 Pkwy, Atlanta, Georgia

30339

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

770.953.1700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 19, 2016 Genuine Parts Company (NYSE: GPC) announced an acquisition for its Office Products Group.

S.P. Richards Company, the Company's Office Products Group, has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire The Safety Zone LLC ("Safety Zone"). Consummation of the transaction is expected on June 1, 2016, and is contingent upon satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

Safety Zone, headquartered in Guilford, Connecticut, is a direct importer and distributor of supplies and devices for safety, janitorial, medical, food service and food processing applications. Its broad customer base of more than 2,300 distributors is served from eight distribution centers in the U.S. and one in Canada. The addition of Safety Zone is expected to generate annual revenues of approximately \$180 million.

A copy of the press release is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 19, 2016

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Genuine Parts Company

*May 19, 2016*

By: *Carol B. Yancey*

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*Name: Carol B. Yancey*

*Title: Executive Vice President and CFO*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release dated May 19, 2016