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## Press Release

### **Fireman's Fund® Provides Specialty Insurance Coverage for "Flags of our Fathers"**

*Specialty Insurance helps in the transportation of military equipment to Iceland and back*

NOVATO, Calif., Oct. 20, 2006 – A war movie wouldn't be complete without ships, tanks and carriers. For the upcoming film "Flags of our Fathers," Fireman's Fund Insurance Company provided cargo and hull coverage to Warner Brothers, allowing it to create authentic battle scenes.

The Specialty Insurance business of Fireman's Fund® provided marine insurance and loss control services, and was a part of the shipping of several loads of authentic World War II (WWII) landing craft, amphibious tanks and personnel carriers.

"We were able to provide Warner Brothers with end-to-end [protection of the] transport of the cargo from the moment it was loaded into the shipping containers, and made sure the hull policy kicked in as soon as the equipment was off-loaded from the ship," said Jeff Weed, Specialty underwriter.

Directed and produced by Clint Eastwood, "Flags of our Fathers" is based on the February - March 1945 events at Iwo Jima. Filming took place in Iceland and required authentic military equipment, some of which had to be used in the water.

According to Tim Donney, director of marine loss control for Specialty Insurance, the military equipment came from throughout the United States and Europe, with most of the high-value equipment originating in California.

The equipment had to be hauled cross country to the port of Philadelphia, which was the staging point for loading and shipping equipment to Iceland.

Fireman's Fund, which also provided entertainment insurance for the movie, was involved with everything from overseeing the safe transporting of a vintage WWII amphibious tank insured for \$1 million from Camp Pendleton to making life-saving inspections.

Based on recommendations by Specialty Insurance staff surveyor Capt. William Hansen, carbon monoxide alarms were installed in the operator's department of an amphibious tank. Hansen was concerned because an exhaust leak could be deadly.

Shortly after the filming crew arrived in Iceland, the alarm sounded while the tank was being operated in water for the first time. When crew members investigated, they found the operator unconscious in the steering compartment.

“Thanks to the alarm and the quick action of the crew, a potential tragedy was averted,” Donney said.

In addition to making inspections of the hull and machinery, Hansen also approved the loading and securing of equipment for transport.

Donney and Specialty Insurance staff surveyor Paul Huelin played crucial roles, too, ensuring that equipment was properly loaded at the port of Philadelphia, and stowing and securing ships for delivery. The same attention to detail was taken when the equipment was returned after the production.

“It’s because of Fireman’s Fund’s comprehensive coverage that there was no need for Warner Brothers to worry about securing multiple separate policies from different insurance carriers,” Weed says. “The studio came to Fireman’s Fund because it knew we are trustworthy and it can depend on us to meet its needs and get the job done.”

“Flags of our Fathers” will be released nationwide on Friday, Oct. 20.

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