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FDNY TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL TRAINING TOOL FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS

Forcible Entry Simulator to Better Prepare Firefighter's When Entering Burning Buildings

NEW YORK (Jan. 26, 2009) – When entering a burning building, every second counts, so it's critical firefighters have the skill set to quickly force their way through all types of doors. Now, thanks to a grant, the FDNY will be purchasing a forcible entry simulator, enabling the department's firefighters to learn and remain proficient in forcible entry.

The Mogil Organization is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award the \$6,500 donation to pay for the training tool.

The portable forcible entry simulator consists of doors attached to steel columns. For progressive resistance as a firefighter's skills develop, various wooden pegs are placed into the simulator, increasing the challenge to open the doors quickly and efficiently.

"When firefighters are skilled at forcible entry, they can more quickly gain access to occupancies in order to perform search and rescue operations, in addition to containing and extinguishing fires," said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. "In essence, this training tool will help the department's firefighters better protect New York City residents."

The training simulator will be used at the FDNY's Probationary Firefighter School, for tactical training in the department's fire academy, and within the department's remote training unit, traveling to firehouses throughout the city for skills development.

A demonstration of the forcible entry simulator will take place. In addition, executives from The Mogil Organization and Fireman's Fund will officially present the grant package to FDNY fire officials.

Date/Time:
Wednesday, January 28, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Location:
Engine Company 1/Ladder Company 24
142 West 31st St.
New York, NY

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“As a business owner in New York City, I’m glad to give back to the community in a meaningful way,” said Bob Mogil, president of The Mogil Organization. “In addition to having necessary firefighting tools, it’s critical firefighters have the needed training to do their jobs effectively.”

The grant package is part of a nationwide philanthropic program funded by Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company. The program is designed to provide needed equipment, training and educational tools to local fire departments. Since 2004, Fireman’s Fund has issued grants to over 1,100 different departments totaling more than \$21 million. Independent insurance agencies/brokers that sell Fireman’s Fund products, like The Mogil Organization, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments. Since December 2006, Fireman’s Fund has awarded the FDNY over \$300,000.

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