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## **JACKSONVILLE BEACH TO BENEFIT FROM NEW HIGH-TECH CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR**

*Device to allow First Responders to Quickly and Accurately  
Detect Carbon Monoxide in Patients' Blood*

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla. (Feb. 19, 2009) – Each year, more than 500 Americans die and another 5,000 are injured from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. Now, thanks to a donation, the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department will be able to purchase a Pulse CO-Oximeter that can detect carbon monoxide poisoning.

Jacksonville-based Greene-Hazel and Associates, Inc. is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award the \$5,000 grant.

The Pulse CO-Oximeter uses wavelengths of light to detect carbon monoxide poisoning in patients. It is a noninvasive needle-free process which takes only moments for rescuers to perform. Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless and virtually impossible for victims to know is in the air until it is too late.

"Fifty percent of carbon monoxide poisoning goes undetected which, in severe cases, can lead to death," said Gary A. Frazier, Jacksonville Beach's fire chief. "With this device, in addition to quickly and accurately detecting carbon monoxide levels in patients, we'll also be able to determine if our firefighters have come into contact with the toxic gas at emergency scenes."

Grant funds will also be used to purchase a mobile hose rack to store and move hose around the fire station.

Executives from Greene-Hazel & Associates and Fireman's Fund will come together to present the grant package to Chief Frazier and the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department:

**Date/Time:**  
**Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009**  
**12:00 noon**

**Location:**  
**Jacksonville Beach Fire Department**  
**325 2nd Ave. South**  
**Jacksonville Beach, FL**

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“We realize the budget constraints faced by fire departments across the country, particularly in these economic times, so we’re proud to be able to give back in a tangible way,” said C. F. "Chip" Greene, vice president at Greene-Hazel & Associates. “I know the carbon monoxide detector will allow Jacksonville Beach first responders to better serve the community.”

The donated 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 donations to over 1,100 different departments totaling more than \$21 million. Independent insurance agencies/brokers that sell Fireman’s Fund products, like Greene-Hazel & Associates, are able to direct these donations to support fire departments.

### **About Greene-Hazel & Associates, Inc.**

Established in October, 1984, Greene-Hazel & Associates has set unprecedented records for growth and accomplishment in the locally-owned independent agency arena. With a staff of one, Tom Hazel and Theresa Greene Hazel started their operation from "scratch". At year end 2006, Greene-Hazel boasted a sales and service staff of 45 with premium writings exceeding \$70 million. Having accomplished so much in such a short time, Tom and Theresa are working toward their long-term goal of becoming the largest locally-owned independent agency in Northeast Florida. To learn more, visit [www.greenehazel.com](http://www.greenehazel.com).

### **About Fireman’s Fund**

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