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NEW EQUIPMENT TO HELP MEMBERS OF BROOKLYN FIREHOUSE BETTER SERVE COMMUNITY

Donation to Fund Technology Package and Fitness Equipment

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (February 25, 2009) – The Prospect Heights-based Engine Company 280/Ladder 132 firehouse is located in one of New York's busiest response areas and is responsible for responding to a variety of emergencies. Now, thanks to a \$20,000 grant, members of the firehouse will be receiving high-tech equipment to enhance their emergency response efforts.

The grant is being awarded by HUB International Northeast, a unit of HUB International Limited, and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.

Engine Company 280/Ladder 132, which responds to many complex sites that require pre-incident emergency plans, will specifically use the funds to purchase a technology package that includes a digital camera, laptop computer, and projector. These items will help create presentations for firefighter training and pre-emergency awareness, and will also be utilized for resourcing e-learning applications from the FDNY Bureau of Training and other providers such as the U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Grant funds are also earmarked for physical fitness equipment including a new elliptical machine and treadmill. This will give firefighters the ability to incorporate high-quality training regimens into their firehouse routines, allowing them to do their jobs more safely and efficiently.

“The technology equipment will better prepare the firefighters for the various emergencies they encounter on a regular basis,” said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. “Since 9/11, the department has made great strides to enhance our workforce through the reinforcement of healthy lifestyles for our members, so this fitness equipment really supports that initiative.”

Executives from HUB International Northeast and Fireman's Fund will officially present the grant package to members of Engine Company 280/Ladder 132 and FDNY fire officials.

Date & Time:
Weds., February 25, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Location:
FDNY, Engine Company 280/Ladder 132
489 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, NY

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“Having previously awarded grants to two other FDNY firehouses in conjunction with Fireman's Fund, HUB realizes these funds truly benefit the communities these firehouses serve,” said Marc I. Cohen, president and chief executive officer of HUB International Northeast. “We’re glad to support these firefighters in such a tangible way.”

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 HUB International Northeast, 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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