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## MINEOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE LIFESAVING RESCUE TOOL

### *High-Tech Infrared Camera Included in Grant Package*

MINEOLA, N.Y. (Feb. 25, 2009) – It has quickly become one of the most important pieces of equipment any fire department can have, and now Mineola firefighters will be receiving one of the most modern, high-tech versions.

The Treiber Group, a division of Arthur J. Gallagher & Company of New York, is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award the Mineola Fire Department a \$10,852 grant for a thermal imaging camera (TIC).

TICs use updated technology to enable firefighters to “see” through smoke and darkness to quickly locate anyone trapped in a building during a fire. The cameras can also play a major role in reducing property damage. With one in hand, firefighters can often locate hot spots inside walls and extinguish them before they spread.

“Thermal imagers aren’t luxury items—they are essential tools that save lives,” said Mineola Fire Chief Scott Holliday. He added, “This device will greatly enhance our rescue efforts.”

Grant funds will also purchase a generator light used to illuminate emergency scenes during the night, a mobile two-way radio to support communication efforts with first response units in other municipalities, and helmets and gloves for firefighters.

During an event Thursday morning, executives from The Treiber Group and Fireman's Fund will present the grant package to Mayor Jack M. Martins, Chief Holliday, and Mineola firefighters. *A demonstration of the thermal imaging camera will also be performed.*

**Date/Time:**

**Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Location:**

**Mineola Village Hall (meeting room)**

**155 Washington Avenue**

**Mineola, NY**

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“In this economic climate, the fire service needs financial support more than ever, so we’re proud to give back to Mineola firefighters in a tangible way,” said Philip Westerman, senior vice president at The Treiber Group.

“We know this equipment will help them better protect the community,” added John Dina, client executive and senior vice president at The Treiber Group.

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 Treiber Group, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

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### **About Fireman’s Fund**

Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company is a premier property and casualty insurance company providing personal and commercial insurance products nationwide. It is rated 'AA-' by Standard & Poor’s Rating Services. Founded in 1863 with a mission to support firefighters, Fireman’s Fund continues this effort today through its national philanthropic work. Fireman’s Fund is a member of the Allianz Group (NYSE: AZ), one of the world’s largest providers of insurance and other financial services. For more information, visit [www.firemansfund.com](http://www.firemansfund.com)

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