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CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL NEW EQUIPMENT

\$12,000 Grant Will Help Support Rescue Efforts

CHESTERFIELD, VA (March 25, 2009) – Fire service organizations across the country are dealing with limited budgets that prevent them from receiving all essential equipment needed to do their jobs effectively and efficiently. Now, through a \$12,000 grant being awarded by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company through the direction of Rutherford, the Chesterfield County Fire and EMS will be purchasing new tools that will strengthen its rescue efforts.

Donated funds are earmarked for new equipment that will be placed on one of the department's fire apparatuses. Tools will include, among other things: rapid intervention team packs that carry various tools needed to rescue firefighters who may be in danger at an emergency scene, a positive pressure fan that helps ventilate a room that contains hazardous smoke, rescue ropes and harnesses, a handheld radio, a chainsaw, and various handheld tools.

"This grant will allow our department to have a fully-equipped reserve ladder truck, which is crucial during times of high call volume," said Chesterfield County Fire Chief Edward L. Senter, Jr. "Ultimately, these tools will allow us to better protect and serve our community residents."

"First responders, particularly in this economic climate, are being asked to do more with less resources," said Jennifer Lindsey, vice president and marketing manager for Rutherford. "We know these tools will provide a much needed boost for the fire and EMS department."

Executives from Rutherford and Fireman's Fund will present the grant package during a Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors meeting. Chief Senter will discuss how the new tools will benefit the community:

Date/Time:
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
3:00 p.m.

Location:
Chesterfield CNTY Board of Supervisor's Meeting
1001 Iron Bridge Road
Chesterfield, VA

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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 Rutherford, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

About Rutherford

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About Fireman's Fund

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