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TWENTYNINE PALMS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE UPGRADED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Portable Shelters to Protect Firefighters During Wildfires

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. (April 17, 2009) – Budget constraints, which have been made worse by the recent economic downturn, have forced fire departments across the country to scale back on buying much needed equipment. But now, thanks to a \$6,500 grant, the Twentynine Palms Fire Department will be receiving new fire shelters, used to protect firefighters during wildfires.

The grant is being awarded by Management and Safety Services (MaSSCorp) and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. Local Domino's Pizza[®] franchise owners Tom Nowlan and Carol Paul assisted in the grant process by identifying this need within the community.

Specifically, grant funds will purchase new-generation fire shelters. Firefighters use the shelters as a last-line of defense during wildfires. In cases where the fire overtakes them, firefighters are trained to cover themselves with the shelter as the fire burns over them. The new shelters are built with the latest technology and consist of multiple layers of aluminized fabric to protect firefighters against high heat for extended periods of time.

“Our firefighters deserve to have the best available equipment to protect themselves during wildfires,” said Twentynine Palms Fire Chief Jim Thompson. “Ultimately, this will allow us to more effectively combat the fires.”

The grant package will be presented to Chief Thompson, Twentynine Palms firefighters and local officials. Chief Thompson will showcase and discuss the new fire shelter:

Date/Time:
Friday, April, 17, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Location:
Twentynine Palms Fire Department
6560 Adobe Rd.
Twentynine Palms, CA

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“With the funding challenges faced by fire departments, especially in these economic times, we’re proud to give back to fire service in a tangible way,” said Jeff Murphy, executive director for MaSSCorp. “I cannot think of a better way to support a community than by supporting its local fire department, and I want to thank Tom Nowland and Carol Paul for assisting in the grant process.”

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 \$22 million. Independent insurance agencies/brokers that sell Fireman’s Fund products are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

About MaSSCorp

As an association of Domino’s Pizza franchisees serving members nationwide, MaSSCorp has helped franchisees in safety, loss control and insurance for over 20 years. MaSSCorp offers a comprehensive safety and insurance package that exceeds all Domino’s Pizza requirements at a competitive price. To learn more, visit www.masscorp.net.

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

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