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ORANGE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE EXPANDS CRITICAL LIFE-SAVING INITIATIVES

\$25,000 Grant Will Support Fire Safety Outreach in Tangelo Park Community

ORLANDO, Fla. (April 29, 2009) – Every year, there are more than 400,000 structure fires across the country which cause roughly 14,000 injuries. Cooking is responsible for more than a quarter of these blazes. Now, thanks to a \$25,000 donation, many residents of the Tangelo Park community will be receiving a high-tech device to combat fires on stoves.

Halcyon Underwriters, Inc. and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company have partnered to award the grant to Orange County Fire Rescue. Rosen Hotels & Resorts, which owns and operates seven properties in the Orlando area, assisted in the process by identifying this need within Tangelo Park.

Specifically, grant funds will purchase 300 stove top fire suppression canisters. These devices are installed over the cooking surface and underneath the vent hood and dispense fire suppressant in the event of a flare up. In addition, funds will acquire dry chemical fire extinguishers, which are lightweight and can be used on all fires common to a home. They will be distributed to every household in Tangelo Park. Remaining funds will be used for fire safety training purposes, including the creation of an instructional DVD which will be distributed to all homes receiving an extinguisher.

"Fire safety starts inside the home with residents incorporating preventative measures, while also having access to tools that support fire safety," said Orange County Fire Chief Carl Plaughter. "Our outreach efforts will make the Tangelo Park community a safer place to live."

Chief Plaughter, local firefighters, and executives from Halcyon Underwriters, Rosen Hotels, and Fireman's Fund will come together for a special public recognition event where the grant package will be presented. Chief Plaughter will discuss the department's outreach efforts to Tangelo Park.

Date/Time:
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Location:
Rosen Shingle Creek (in front of golf club)
9939 Universal Blvd.
Orlando, FL

Note: In case of rain, the ceremony will be held inside the hotel.

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Since 2006, Halcyon Underwriters and Fireman’s Fund, with Rosen Hotels assisting in the grant process, have awarded \$75,000 to Orange County Fire Rescue. The majority of funds have supported safety initiatives that Tangelo Park residents have benefitted from, including the Preventing Accidental Childhood Events (PACE), which is a drowning prevention program, and the Smoke Alarm Fire Education (SAFE) project.

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, like Halcyon Underwriters, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

“We realize that fire service organizations, especially in this economic climate, are dealing with tight budgets,” said Paul Lyons, executive director of Halcyon Underwriters. “I know this donation, similar to past grants, will greatly benefit the Tangelo Park community.”

About Halcyon Underwriters, Inc.

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