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For Immediate Release**CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO BENEFIT FROM NEW HIGH-TECH
GAS DETECTORS***Meters Detect Hazardous levels of Carbon Monoxide and Other Toxic Gases in the
Environment*

LONG BRANCH (May 20, 2009) – According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year more than 500 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, while the Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that approximately 5,000 people are injured. Now, thanks to a \$25,000 grant being awarded by Quaker Special Risk and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, the Long Branch Fire Department will be receiving multi-gas meters that detect dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in the environment as well as toxic fumes resulting from hazardous material spills.

Specifically, grant funds are earmarked for five high-tech gas meters and one starter kit to calibrate the meters. The devices will be placed on fire trucks.

“By quickly and accurately detecting carbon monoxide, often referred to as the silent killer, as well as number of other toxic gases, these devices will ultimately strengthen our rescue efforts,” said Kevin J. Hayes, Sr., fire marshal for the City of Long Branch.”

Grant funds will also be used to strengthen the city's Prevention Public Education program, through the purchase of printed materials and DVDs focused on fire safety.

“Compared to the general population, school-aged children and senior citizens are more at risk of being victims of fire-related injuries and fatalities, so we target these groups through our program,” said Hayes.

Hayes will be joined by Long Branch firefighters and local officials, as well as executives from Quaker Special Risk and Fireman's Fund, for the presentation of the grant package.

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“Citizens and business owners know they can count on their local fire department whenever there is an emergency,” said Frank Walsh, president of Quaker Special Risk. “It’s vital that firefighters have all the tools to do their job effectively and efficiently, so I’m confident this grant will support the fire department’s efforts to make the Long Branch community safer.”

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 Quaker Special Risk, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

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