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FIREMAN'S FUND PROVIDES GRANT TO AID FIELDON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE APPARTUS

*Fieldon Fire Department Will Receive \$175,000 Pumper Fire Truck
As A Result of Federal Grant and Fireman's Fund Donation*

FIELDON, Ill., (June 9, 2009) – The Fieldon Fire Department is receiving a \$6,250 grant from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to help in the purchase of a new fire apparatus. The grant allows the Fieldon Fire Department to qualify for \$166,250 in federal funding for the purchase of its first "pumper fire truck."

To qualify for the federal funding the Fieldon Fire Department needed to raise five percent of the total cost of the new truck. Fieldon raised \$2,500 in community donations, but needed an additional \$6,250. Fireman's Fund employees recognized the opportunity and submitted a grant proposal through the Heritage ProgramSM, a philanthropic program that is designed to provide needed equipment, training and education tools to local fire departments.

"We are truly thankful for the grant from Fireman's Fund that will help provide our community with its first combination pumper truck apparatus, enabling us to better serve the citizens of Fieldon and more than a dozen surrounding communities," said Bill Clendenen, President of the Fieldon Fire Protection District. "This new vehicle will have a huge impact by strengthening our rescue efforts and making our local communities safer."

Clendenen, local firefighters, and Fireman's Fund employees will come together for a special event where the grant check will be presented. Clendenen will also discuss the future usage of the new pumper truck.

Date/Time:
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
1:00 pm

Location:
Fieldon Fire Department
204 Second Street
Fieldon, Illinois 02031

"Fireman's Fund is pleased to aid the Fieldon Fire Department in its efforts to purchase a new fire truck that will dramatically increase its ability to effectively respond to emergencies," said Chip Weiberg, a Fireman's Fund employee in the Lisle, Ill. office that helped submit the grant proposal.

Since 2004, Fireman's Fund has issued grants, through the Heritage Program, to more than 1,100 different departments totaling more than \$22 million.

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