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NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT DONATED TO BETTER PREPARE STATEN ISLAND FIREHOUSE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Members of Engine Company 155/Ladder 78 to Benefit from Grant Package

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. (June 18, 2009) - Coronary heart disease is a major risk for firefighters, but now thanks to a donation, members of the Engine Co. 155/Ladder 78 firehouse will be receiving a multitude of physical fitness equipment to enhance their workout regimens.

Kornreich-NIA is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award the \$8,595 grant.

Specifically, grant funds will be used to purchase, among other items, a rowing machine, a cardio step climber, heavy bag and gloves, and dumbbells. In addition, funds are earmarked for a rescue dummy, allowing firefighters to simulate rescues of civilians from burning buildings, and a fog machine that can replicate smoke-like conditions.

"With cardiac arrest being a major concern for firefighters, the FDNY has always been committed to supporting our members in their efforts to stay healthy and physically fit," said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. "Firefighters, obviously, have to be in good physical shape to do their jobs safely and effectively, and this fitness equipment will provide more opportunities for members of Engine Co. 155/Ladder 78 to incorporate high-quality training into their daily firehouse regimen."

"We're very proud to be able to support the FDNY and, in particular, Engine Co. 155/Ladder 78 in a tangible way," said Steve Parnes of Kornreich-NIA. "The members of this firehouse have had to deal with the recent tragic death of Lt. Robert Ryan, and that's what inspired our agency to direct this grant."

FDNY officers, along with members of the firehouse, will be joined by executives from Kornreich-NIA and Fireman's Fund for the presentation of the grant package. Fire officials will discuss the importance of physical fitness as it pertains to firefighting.

Date/Time:
Thursday, June 18, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Location:
Engine Company 155/Ladder 78
14 Brighton Ave.
Staten Island, NY

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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 \$22 million. The FDNY has been recipients of 17 grants, which in total has exceeded \$350,000. Independent insurance agencies/brokers that sell Fireman's Fund products, like Kornreich-NIA, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

About Kornreich-NIA

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About Fireman's Fund

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