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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Fireman's Fund Grant Helps Boca Raton Fire Rescue Purchase Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

BOCA RATON, Fla. (August 12, 2009) – On September 28, 2008, three people died from carbon monoxide poisoning in Boca Raton, two of which were Florida Atlantic University (FAU) students. Now, thanks to a \$27,000 grant, the Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services Department will be creating an initiative whereby carbon monoxide detectors will be distributed to FAU students. The grant is being awarded by Taylor & Taylor Associates, Inc. and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company®.

A press conference to discuss the carbon monoxide initiative will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 11:15 a.m. in the auditorium at the 6500 Building, 6500 Congress Avenue. Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel, Fire Chief Tom Wood, FAU President Frank Brogan, and Mr. & Mrs. Barry Smith, the parents of Derek Smith, one of the FAU students who succumbed to the poisoning, will be on hand to receive the check from executives from Taylor & Taylor Associates and Fireman's Fund.

Carbon monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning death in America. It is an odorless, invisible gas which can be given off by common appliances in homes - or even a car left running in an attached garage. Through education, the installation and use of carbon monoxide detectors will help reduce the risk of poisoning and keep tragedies such as these from happening in Boca Raton and surrounding communities.

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 1,400 different departments totaling more than \$23 million. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman's Fund products, like Taylor & Taylor Associates, are able to direct these grants to support their local fire departments.

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