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**FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY AWARDS \$300,000
IN GRANTS TO 20 FIRE DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

NOVATO, Calif. (Aug. 30, 2010) – Fireman's Fund Insurance Company is proud to announce the local fire departments selected to receive funding through a \$300,000 grant package designed to help make communities safer.

In all, 20 fire departments will be receiving a grant, ranging in size from \$3,600 to nearly \$44,000. From thermal imaging cameras and turnouts to extrication gear and community education tools, the variety of equipment funded through these grants is as diverse as the fire departments selected for funding.

Thirty-four departments across the country were originally nominated for grants by local Fireman's Fund employees. A group of Chicago-based employees and independent agents then chose the 20 grant winners during a day-long selection process. Two members of the Chicago Fire Department served as technical advisers.

"As a company, we believe it is important to raise awareness of the needs of local fire departments," said Mike LaRocco, president and CEO of Fireman's Fund. "Supporting the fire service means rescuers will be better protected and our communities will be safer. That's our ultimate goal with this program – saving lives."

The grant package is part of a nationwide philanthropic program funded by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. The initiative is designed to provide needed equipment, training and educational tools to local fire departments. Since 2004, Fireman's Fund has issued grants to over 1,500 different departments totaling more than \$26 million. Grants are awarded two ways: 1.) every employee is able to nominate a fire department for a grant, and 2.) independent agencies are able to direct grants based on the growth of their business with Fireman's Fund.

Follow Fireman's Fund Insurance Company's philanthropic support of local fire departments on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SupportingFirefighters.

About Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company is a premier property and casualty insurance company providing personal and commercial insurance products nationwide. It is rated 'AA-' by Standard & Poor's Rating Services as of March 31, 2010. Fireman's Fund is a member of the Allianz Group, the world's largest provider of property and casualty insurance. For additional information, visit www.firemansfund.com.

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Grant Winners

City	Fire Department/ Organization Name	Grant Description	Amount Funded
Windsor, CA	Windsor Fire Protection District	Personal protective equipment	\$7,000
Placer County, CA	Placer County Fire Department	Thermal imaging camera	\$10,706
Islamorada, FL	Islamorada Fire Rescue	Thermal imaging cameras	\$9,800
Oakmont, PA	Oakmont Volunteer Fire Department	Personal protective equipment	\$5,110
Forest Lake, MN	Forest Lake Fire Department	Confined space rescue gear and training	\$10,394
Cottage Grove, MN	City of Cottage Grove Fire Department	Foam Pro and gas detectors	\$6,250
Morgan, TX	Steele Creek Volunteer Fire Department	Thermal imager, nozzles and other equipment	\$42,512
Hutchinson, MN	Hutchinson Fire Department	Extrication equipment	\$15,724
New Harmony, UT	New Harmony Valley Fire District	Thermal imaging camera and lighting	\$10,260
Oldsmar, FL	East Lake CERT	Communications equipment	\$3,600
Prospect Heights, IL	Prospect Heights Fire Protection District	Rescue boat	\$27,130
Novato, CA	Novato Fire Protection District	Personal protective equipment	\$10,750
Wright City, MO	Wright City Fire Protection District	Communications equipment	\$8,000
Muir Beach, CA	Muir Beach Volunteer Fire Department	Brush truck	\$43,915
Albany, IL	Albany Fire Protection District	Water rescue equip and extrication equip	\$29,222

Van Buren, MO	Van Buren Volunteer Fire Dept	SCBA air compressor, turnout gear	\$22,500
Suches, GA	Fannin County Fire & Rescue Station #9	AEDs, generator, computer, radio, ATV	\$3,550
Redding, CA	City of Redding Fire Department	Bullard Eclipse thermal imagers	\$10,788
Tinley Park, IL	Tinley Park Fire Department	Trailer for community education	\$5,660
Washington, DC	District of Columbia Fire & EMS Dept Foundation	Community education	\$16,000

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