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JAMAICA FIREHOUSE TO RECEIVE NEW EQUIPMENT TO BOOST EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

Engine Company 298 Recipient of \$10,000 Grant

JAMAICA, N.Y. (Sept. 3, 2009) – It is essential firefighters have all the equipment they need in order to do their jobs effectively and efficiently. Now, thanks to a \$10,000 grant, the Queens-based Engine Company 298 firehouse will be receiving new equipment to enhance its emergency operations.

The grant is being awarded by HUB International Northeast and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. Zara Realty, based in Jamaica, assisted in the grant process.

Grant funds are earmarked for a diverse package of equipment that will consist of a digital camera, laptop computer and television that will be used to create presentations for drilling and pre-emergency awareness of high profiles sites in the firehouse's response area. Donated funds will also be used for, among other things: a forcible entry simulator that allows hands-on practice at forcible entry, a GPS navigation system to quickly locate emergency locations, and a treadmill to ensure members are kept in the best shape possible.

"FDNY firefighters are the best at what they do and the city, as well as corporate entities like HUB International and Fireman's Fund, are making sure they have the tools needed to protect and serve the neighborhoods they cover," said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta.

FDNY officials and members of Engine 298 will be on hand to discuss the new equipment and how the items will strengthen the firehouse's response efforts. Executives from HUB International and Fireman's Fund will present the grant package.

Date/Time:
Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Location:
Engine Company 298
153-11 Hillside Ave.
Jamaica, NY

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“We do business in Jamaica, Queens, so we’re glad to be able to give back to this neighborhood firehouse, and the community in general, in a tangible way,” said Mike Zeldes of HUB International.

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 HUB International, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

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