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GREENWICH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL NEW EQUIPMENT

*Paramedics/EMTs to be Equipped with Personal Gas Detectors that
Indicate When Toxic Gases are Present*

RIVERSIDE, Conn. (Sept. 14, 2009) – Every year, more than 500 Americans die and another 5,000 are injured from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning.

Now, thanks to a \$5,000 grant awarded by Rand Insurance, Inc. and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, the Greenwich Emergency Medical Service, Inc. (GEMS) will be receiving 11 new personal carbon monoxide detectors. The compact devices, which clip on to a users belt, can determine when hazardous levels of carbon monoxide and other toxic gases are present in the environment.

"Carbon monoxide often goes undetected, and that's what makes it so dangerous," said Charlee Tufts, executive director of GEMS. "There have been instances where our EMS responders have been exposed to significant levels of carbon monoxide which required medical follow-up. These detectors, though, will provide the needed safety to our first responders and patients."

"We realize the negative effect the economy is having across the country and, in particular, within emergency response organizations," said Lindsay Rand McGuckin of Rand Insurance. "Being local, our office is proud to support GEMS and the Greenwich community in a meaningful way."

GEMS officials will be joined by township officials as executives from Rand Insurance and Fireman's Fund present the organization with the grant package. A GEMS official will discuss how the gas detectors will support the organization's emergency response efforts.

Date/Time:
Tues., Sept. 15, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Location:
Greenwich Emergency Medical Service
1111 Putnam Ave.
Riverside, CT

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

About Rand Insurance, Inc.

Rand Insurance, Inc. is one of the largest independent insurance agencies in southwest Connecticut. Founded in 1945, the company provides personal and business insurance products throughout the country, with a concentration in Connecticut and New York. From offices in Greenwich and New Canaan, Rand designs insurance programs to protect assets and promote financial security. To learn more, visit www.randinsurance.com.

About Fireman's Fund

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. Founded in 1863 with a mission to support firefighters, Fireman's Fund continues this effort today through its national philanthropic work. Fireman's Fund is a member of the Allianz Group (NYSE: AZ), one of the world's largest providers of insurance and other financial services. For more information, visit www.firemansfund.com.

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