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LIBERTY CORNER FIREFIGHTERS TO RECEIVE NEW LIFESAVING RESCUE TOOL

High-Tech Infrared Camera to Support Search and Rescue Operations

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. (Sept. 22, 2009) – It has quickly become one of the most important pieces of equipment any fire department can have, and now Liberty Corner firefighters will be receiving one of the most modern, high-tech versions.

Insurance agency Lane McVicker is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award the Liberty Corner Fire Company a \$9,038 grant for a new thermal imaging camera.

Thermal imagers use updated technology to enable firefighters to "see" through smoke and darkness to quickly locate anyone trapped in a building during a fire. The cameras can also play a major role in reducing property damage. With one in hand, firefighters can often locate hot spots inside walls and extinguish them before they spread.

"This camera isn't a luxury item—it's an essential tool that helps save lives," said Liberty Corner Fire Chief Robert Pierson. "The inside of a burning building is a very chaotic environment, but this camera will allow our firefighters to be much more effective and efficient during search and rescue operations."

The grant package will be presented to the Liberty Corner Fire Company during a Bernards Township meeting. Chief Pierson will discuss and demonstrate usage of a thermal imager.

Date/Time:
Tues, Sept. 29, 2009
8:00 p.m.

Location:
Town Hall (Bernards Township Meeting)
1 Collyer Lane
Basking Ridge, NJ

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“We realize the negative effect the downturn in the economy is having across the country and, in particular, within the fire service,” said Gilbert Lai of Lane McVicker. “Taking that into account, along with the fact I’m a Bernards Township resident, I’m glad to give back to the Liberty Corner Fire Company in a meaningful way.”

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 Lane McVicker, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

About Lane McVicker

Lane McVicker is a personal lines insurance agency headquartered in New York City, with offices in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The agency specializes in personal insurance for individuals, ranging from homeowners and automobile insurance to specialty lines, such as coverage for yachts, aircraft, fine art, and antique cars. For more information, visit www.lanemcvicker.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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