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FIRE SAFETY MONTH TO BRINGS ADDITIONAL SAFETY TO DIX HILLS COMMUNITY

Dix Hills Fire Department to Receive Essential New Equipment to Strengthen Rescue Efforts

DIX HILLS, N.Y. (Sept. 30, 2009) – October is fire safety month and now Dix Hills firefighters will be receiving a multitude of new equipment that will enhance their rescue efforts.

Sterling & Sterling, Inc. is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award a \$33,137 grant to the Dix Hills Fire Department for the purchase of the equipment.

Specifically, grant funds are earmarked for:

- a forcible entry simulator that allows hands-on practice at forcible entry
- vehicle stabilization jacks that enable first responders to stabilize overturned vehicles in order to safely remove injured passengers. The tool can also be used for stabilization purposes during small structural collapses
- an automatic chest compression device which enables continuous chest compressions during CPR
- various nozzles that control the flow of water and foam to the fire

"These tools and training equipment are critical to our rescue efforts and will allow our firefighters to continue providing excellent service to Dix Hill residents," said Dix Hills Fire Chief Robert Adcock.

Chief Adcock, who will be joined by local officials and Dix Hills firefighters, will discuss how the new equipment will enhance the department's rescue efforts, while executives from Sterling & Sterling and Fireman's Fund present the grant package. *A demonstration of the forcible entry simulator will take place.*

Date/Time:
Weds, Oct. 7, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Location:
Dix Hills Fire Department
115 E. Deer park Rd.
Dix Hills, NY

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“In addition to working for Sterling & Sterling, I’m also a Dix Hills volunteer firefighter so, on both a corporate as well as personal level, I’m very proud to support the Dix Hills community in a tangible way,” said Robert Trinagel, vice president of Sterling & Sterling.

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 Sterling & Sterling, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

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