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VALLEY COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM LIFESAVING MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR

Valley Ambulance Authority and Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority to Receive New Device to Enhance Emergency Efforts

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa. (Oct. 19, 2009) – The current economic downturn is negatively impacting first response organizations across the country, but now, thanks to a grant, the Valley Ambulance Authority and Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority will be able to purchase an essential device that helps save lives.

Allied Insurance Brokers is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award the \$21,000 donation.

Specifically, grant funds are earmarked for a LIFEPAK[®] 15 monitor/defibrillator (www.physio-control.com), which utilizes a state-of-the-art platform that, among other things, noninvasively monitors carbon monoxide in patients' blood, as well as provides CPR guidance.

"The device will allow our emergency workers to perform various medical therapies at patients' homes and quickly transmit the readings to various cardiac care centers in the region," said J.R. Henry, executive director for VAA and QVAA. "We'll also be able to provide thorough examinations and rehabilitation of firefighters by consistently monitoring their oxygen and carbon monoxide levels. The monitors will greatly enhance our patient care, as our current monitors are more than seven years old."

Henry will be joined by local officials and first responders as he discusses and demonstrates usage of the monitor/defibrillator. Executives from Allied Insurance Brokers and Fireman's Fund will officially present the grant package.

Date/Time:
Mon., Oct. 19, 2009
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Location:
Valley Ambulance Authority
3550 University Blvd.
Moon Township, PA

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"I realize that first responders are being asked to do more with fewer resources, particular in this economic climate," said Marty O'Brien, president of Allied Insurance Brokers. "As a resident of Sewickley Heights, an area serviced by Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority, I am especially pleased to be endowing local organizations with such vital equipment."

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 and ambulance services. 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 Allied Insurance Brokers, are able to direct these grants to support local fire departments and ambulance services. In 2007, Allied and Fireman's Fund awarded a grant to the Edgeworth Volunteer Fire Department.

About Allied Insurance Brokers, Inc.

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