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FIRE PREVENTION MONTH BRINGS ADDITIONAL SAFETY TO YORKTOWN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

Yorktown's Fire Department and Ambulance Corps to Receive Essential New Equipment to Strengthen Rescue Efforts

YORKTOWN, N.Y. (Oct. 23, 2009) – October is National Fire Prevention Month and now Yorktown first responders will be receiving new equipment that will enhance their rescue efforts.

Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services is partnering with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to award an \$11,000 grant that will be split evenly between the Yorktown Heights Engine Company #1 and the Yorktown Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

The fire department grant funds are earmarked for a projector and retractable screen that will be used to maintain and provide the highest level of training available. The ambulance corps' donated funds will purchase three electric stretcher battery upgrade kits, which extend the battery capacity of mechanical stretchers from three to five years. In addition, funds will purchase three "scoop" stretchers that convert to longboards and support extrication rescues.

"More material is becoming available electronically, so the projector will enable us to display and utilize this essential information," said Howard Breitbart, president of the Yorktown Heights Engine Company. "In addition, we'll be able to access high quality materials that will strengthen our fire safety program."

"When every second counts, it's essential our paramedics and emergency medical technicians have the necessary equipment to do our jobs effectively and efficiently," said Tina Harbach, chairman of the board of directors for the ambulance corps. "This grant is providing our ambulance corps with a much needed boost."

Members of Yorktown Heights Engine Company and Yorktown Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be joined by executives from Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services and Fireman's Fund for the presentation of the grant package:

Date/Time:
Tues, Oct. 27, 2009
2:00 p.m.

Location:
Yorktown Heights Engine Co. #1
1916 Commerce St.
Yorktown Heights, NY

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“Especially in this economy, first responders are being asked to do more with fewer resources, so I’m proud to support the Yorktown community in a meaningful way,” said Robert E. Spadaccia, president of Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services.

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 1,500 different departments totaling more than \$24 million. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman’s Fund products, like Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services, are able to direct these grants to support fire departments.

About Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services

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About Fireman’s Fund

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