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Press Release

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Expands Wildfire Protection Services Throughout California

*FireProtec's off-duty firefighters will create
defensible space for policyholders*

Novato, Calif., (April 19, 2007) – To help protect their policyholders in California from the growing threat of wildfire, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company today announced that they have expanded their territory and offerings with FireProtec, a full service vegetation cutting crew staffed by off-duty firefighters. Through the alliance, Fireman's Fund® is able to offer all California policyholders expert advice on wildfire mitigation techniques and clearing services at a discounted rate.

FireProtec is committed to the preservation of life and property and to assisting homeowners in reducing the threat of wildfire. By clearing a defensible space around a home, the homeowner will have a firebreak that will slow down a fast moving wildfire. This proven approach decreases the available fuel that a wildfire requires in order to spread, and will help protect the home.

"Through our Risk Management Advisory Services, Fireman's Fund works to make sure our policyholders and their homes, are protected from unnecessary risk," said Richard Standring, RMAS program manager for Fireman's Fund. "By working with FireProtec, we can offer our homeowners an expert service that will help lessen the threat of wildfires."

The recommended defensible space zone is 100 feet. In addition to creating defensible space, the experts at FireProtec can provide recommendations for minor changes to the home itself that can help mitigate the risk of wildfire. From blocking for gable vents and decks to changes to roof coverings, FireProtec will offer advice on changes that can properly protect the home.

"With the wave of wildfires that California has seen as of late, it is absolutely imperative that homeowners who live in areas prone to wildfires take the proper precautions," said Fred Strickland of FireProtec. "By clearing a safe and defensible space around the home, our goal, along with Fireman's Fund,

is to save the lives and property of the homeowner and to provide a safe area for firefighters.”

Fireman’s Fund and FireProtec offer these additional tips for protecting your home from wildfire:

- Clear back all native vegetation, including brush and tree branches, within at least 100 feet from the home to have a clear escape route if a fire should strike.
- Trim branches back 10 feet from chimneys.
- Clear out stored flammable liquids.
- Remove trash and debris in the surrounding area of the home.
- Replace foliage with drought tolerant plants.
- Clear at least 10 feet on each side and 13’ 6” above the driveway, roadway or access roads.

Fireman’s Fund has been a long-time supporter of the fire service. Every year, the company donates millions of dollars to fire departments all across the country through its Fireman’s Fund Heritage® program. This initiative is the company’s nationwide commitment to provide needed equipment, training, and community education programs to fire departments and other fire service organizations. Since 2004, Fireman’s Fund has awarded grants to hundreds of different departments totaling over \$11 million.

About Fireman’s Fund

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company is a premier property and casualty insurance company providing personal, commercial and specialty insurance products nationwide. Fireman's Fund is a member of the Allianz Group (NYSE: AZ), one of the world's largest providers of property and casualty insurance and other financial services. For additional information, visit www.firemansfund.com.

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