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NANTUCKET COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM NEW LIFESAVING RESCUE EQUIPMENT

New Extrication Tools to Strengthen Department's Rescue Efforts

NANTUCKET, Mass. (July 31, 2009) – When it comes to emergency response, every second counts and now Nantucket firefighters will be receiving new lifesaving rescue equipment, allowing them to better protect the community.

New England Brokerage Corporation (NEBCO) and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company are partnering to award the Nantucket Fire Department a \$25,000 grant to fund the purchase of these new tools.

Grant funds are being used to purchase extrication equipment, including a combination cutter/spreader used by emergency responders to safely and quickly rescue people trapped in motor vehicle crashes. When activated, the tool can cut through the body of a car, while the scissor-like spreader can open and force crushed metal away from trapped victims. Funds are also earmarked for a duo pump hydraulic generator, which can power two extrication tools simultaneously, and several hydraulic hoses that connect the generator to the tool.

Remaining funds are being used for conversion purposes so the department's old extrication equipment will be compatible with the new equipment.

"Newer vehicles have stronger builds, making it tougher to cut through the metal in order to get to victims after accidents," said Nantucket Fire Chief Mark McDougall. "Our new extrication equipment will provide much-needed additional power, allowing us to get to and transport individuals to the hospital quicker."

Chief McDougall and Nantucket firefighters will be joined by local officials and executives from NEBCO and Fireman's Fund for the presentation of the grant package. *The fire department will demonstrate usage of their new extrication equipment by cutting up a junk car:*

Date & Time:
Fri., July 31, 2009
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Location:
Nantucket Fire Department
131 Pleasant St.
Nantucket, MA

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"We realize the negative affects the downturn in the economy is having across the country, especially within the fire service," said Carl Zelinsky, president of NEBCO. "Taking that into account, and the fact that every year we're involved in the Nantucket Antiques Show, we're proud to support this fire department 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 are able to direct these grants to support fire departments. In 2006, NEBCO directed a \$10,000 grant to support the Nantucket Fire Department's fire safety and prevention program.

About New England Brokerage Corporation

In the insurance business for more than a quarter century, New England Brokerage Corporation (NEBCO) is an independently owned insurance broker providing sophisticated asset protection designed for affluent individuals and businesses. For more information about NEBCO, visit www.nebco.net.

About Fireman's Fund

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