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## Press Release

### Are You Prepared for a Wildfire?

#### **Fireman's Fund Insurance Company sponsors seminar with Rancho Santa Fe Insurance and the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.**

NOVATO, Calif., September 21, 2006 — As the summer heats up and the threat of wildfires looms, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Rancho Santa Fe Insurance are hosting an informative session on wildfire preparedness to help Rancho Santa Fe policyholders prepare for their greatest disaster concern: wildfires.

On Thurs., Sept. 21 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Craig Edwards, president, Rancho Santa Fe Insurance will host the seminar with Cliff Hunter, fire marshal, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and Kelly Greene, Fireman's Fund® Risk Management Advisory Services to offer steps to protect one's home, assets and family from wildfires.

Topics will include:

- Recommended home improvements
- Fire-resistant landscaping - how to create "defensible space" around the home
- Creating an evacuation plan for the family
- What to include in a disaster kit

Policyholders will be invited to sign up for a complimentary personalized wildfire consultation of their home and property. Fireman's Fund offers this service in partnership with the agency and fire service as part of the Risk Management Advisory Services program.

In the 2003 wildfires, 4090 homes burned and \$2 billion of insured losses were incurred in San Diego and San Bernardino Counties. Bob Courtemanche, president, Fireman's Fund Personal Insurance, commented, "We want to give our customers peace of mind regarding their wildfire exposure through education and on-site consultations."

Courtemanche also noted, "We know we can't stop wildfires and earthquakes from occurring, but we can all take steps to be better prepared. Our company's commitment to preparation goes beyond educational programs: our Fireman's Fund Heritage<sup>SM</sup> program supports firefighters to help ensure they're prepared to respond to natural disasters."

The Fireman's Fund Heritage<sup>SM</sup> program is the company's philanthropic mission to support firefighters for safer communities. Grants are awarded for the purchase of needed equipment, firefighter training and community education programs. Since the program was created in 2004, Fireman's Fund has awarded millions of dollars in grants to local fire departments, national firefighter organizations and non-profit fire and burn prevention organizations across the country – including more than \$1 million in the San Diego area.

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