



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contacts:
Tiffany van Gorder
Ketchum
(415) 984-6192

John Kozero
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company
(415) 899-2166

**FIREMAN'S FUND AND MALLOY IMRIE & VASCONI DONATE \$10,000
TO ST. HELENA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Grant Helps Fire Department Purchase New Search and Rescue Trailer

St. Helena, Calif. (March 15, 2005) – Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Malloy Imrie & Vasconi (MI&V), a leading insurance agency in the Napa Valley, today awarded the St. Helena fire department a grant of \$10,000 for a search and rescue trailer, which will store tools and other equipment used in high-risk rescue operations. The new trailer will enable local firefighters to respond more quickly to emergency situations and to train more firefighters in search and rescue techniques.

"We are incredibly excited to receive this donation," said St. Helena Fire Chief Kevin Twohey. "With the financial support of Fireman's Fund and MI&V, we are able to offer our firefighters the training to conduct more advanced technical rescue operations, which helps us better protect our community."

Fireman's Fund, a premier property and casualty insurance company, supports firefighters for safer communities through its Fireman's Fund HeritageSM program. As a part of this program, Fireman's Fund and its network of agents provide grants and volunteer support to local fire departments, national firefighter organizations and fire and burn prevention non-profit organizations.

Across the country, independent agents who offer Fireman's Fund insurance can earn grants for their local fire departments based on the size and growth of their business with Fireman's Fund. MI&V selected the St. Helena fire department to receive the \$10,000 grant it earned because it understands first-hand the needs of the fire department – three of the agency's executives are St. Helena volunteer firefighters.

(more)

“We can’t think of a better way to give back to the community than supporting our local firefighters,” said Jim Capponi, Managing Member at MI&V. “The Fireman’s Fund Heritage program has been a truly rewarding experience for our agency and we’re looking forward to continuing our participation in this program.”

About Fireman’s Fund Heritage

Throughout its history, Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company has carried on a rich heritage of innovation and community commitment through volunteer programs and corporate giving. In 1863, the company was founded with the mission to allocate a portion of its profits to support firefighters. Today, through Fireman’s Fund Heritage, fire departments throughout the country receive grants they can apply towards equipment, fire prevention tools and training.

Funding challenges have left many volunteer and paid fire departments without adequate resources. First on the scene of any emergency, firefighters respond to natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, chemical spills and terrorist attacks – as well as fires – despite increasingly limited resources.

“We began Fireman’s Fund Heritage because funding challenges have left many volunteer and paid fire departments without the resources they need,” said Darryl Siry, Fireman’s Fund vice president and executive director of Fireman’s Fund Heritage. “This program helps our agents give back to the communities where they do business.”

About Malloy Imrie & Vasconi

Malloy, Imrie & Vasconi Insurance Services LLC has been serving policyholders in the Napa Valley for more than 100 years. MI&V specializes in providing insurance services to both large and small commercial accounts, as well as taking care of its clients’ personal insurance and life and health needs.

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, one of the world’s largest providers of property and casualty insurance and other financial services. For more information about the company and Fireman’s Fund Heritage, visit

www.firemansfund.com.

###