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HUNTINGTON BEACH RECEIVES NEW MARINE RESCUE AND WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

\$42,450 Grant Package Funds Variety of New Gear

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (Oct. 2, 2009) – All along the Huntington Beach waterfront, rescuers respond to numerous water emergencies every year while firefighters are frequently called upon to battle wildland fires throughout the state. Now, thanks to a \$42,450 grant, the Huntington Beach Fire Department and the city's Marine Safety Division will be able to purchase a variety of new gear to support those efforts.

The money, donated by SullivanCurtisMonroe Insurance Services and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, will enable the city to buy dozens of pieces of equipment and protective gear.

Huntington Beach Fire Chief Duane Olson said a portion of the grant money, about \$12,000, will go toward purchasing 60 new pairs of wildland boots for firefighters.

The Marine Safety Division of the Community Services Department will receive the remainder of the funding to buy new rescue buoys, waterproof communications bags, rescue sleds, spine boards, and first responder training textbooks.

"Our location along the water presents us with unique challenges that our rescuers must be prepared to handle," said Kyle Lindo, the city's Marine Safety Division chief. "This grant ensures our crews have the necessary equipment to safely rescue those in need." Annually, city beaches receive over 10 million visitors and rescues performed by Marine Safety officers result in over 4,000 lives saved.

"We can't think of a better way to support the city," said John Monroe, president and CEO of SullivanCurtisMonroe. "Firefighters and Marine Safety officers will use this equipment for many years to come and hopefully it will make a difference and even help save lives."

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Huntington Beach officials, firefighters, city council members, and executives from SullivanCurtisMonroe and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company will come together for a special event where the grant package will be formally presented:

Date / Time:

**Monday, Oct. 5, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

Location:

**Huntington Beach City Council Meeting
2000 Main St.
Huntington Beach, CA**

The grant 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 more than 1,400 different departments totaling more than \$23 million. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman's Fund insurance, like SullivanCurtisMonroe, are able to direct these grants to support the fire service.

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