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JOHNS CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT FOR CRITICAL NEW RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Five High-Tech Thermal Imaging Cameras Included in \$30,000 Grant Package

JOHNS CREEK, Ga. (May 27, 2008) – One year ago, on Memorial Day in 2007, the unthinkable happened, changing this community forever. A massive house fire claimed the lives of a Fulton County firefighter and local resident, and seriously injured another firefighter.

Now, less than three months away from beginning its own local fire department, Johns Creek is receiving a large donation to help purchase critical new high-tech gear to help during house fires and other major emergencies.



Fireman's Fund Insurance Company is awarding the Johns Creek Fire Department a \$30,000 grant for the purchase of five thermal imaging cameras.

The devices use the best technology available to enable firefighters to "see" through smoke and darkness to quickly locate anyone trapped in a building during a fire. The cameras can also play a major role in reducing property damage. With one in hand, firefighters can often locate hot spots inside walls and extinguish them before they spread. With this donation, all five engines within the department will have a camera on board.

Johns Creek Mayor Mike Bodker, Chief Joseph Daniels, Johns Creek firefighters, local dignitaries, and Fireman's Fund employees will come together for a special public recognition event where the new thermal imaging cameras will be presented:

Date / Time:

**Thursday, May 29, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

Location:

**Fireman's Fund Insurance Company
14175 Great Oaks Way, Suite 200
Alpharetta, GA**

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“Fire departments, especially start-ups like ours, don’t always have the luxury of buying upgraded, state-of-the-art tools,” said Daniels. “Thermal imagers used to be considered a luxury in the fire service, but now they’re a necessity because they can be used in so many different ways.”

The equipment is being paid for by Fireman’s Fund, which provides grants to fire departments through its Fireman’s Fund Heritage[®] program. As part of this initiative, every employee is able to nominate a fire department for a grant. A special regional task force of employees and agents then reviews the nominations and selects winners. Carol Buckles, a local Fireman’s Fund employee, nominated Johns Creek.

“With the start of this new department, it is important Johns Creek firefighters have all the necessary equipment to adequately respond from day one,” said Buckles. “We hope this grant will enable them to do their jobs to the best of their ability.”

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