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BOULDER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES CRITICAL NEW PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

13 Sets of New Turnout Gear Included in \$25,000 Grant

BOULDER CITY, Nev. (June 24, 2008) – It is the most important equipment a firefighter needs when responding to an emergency, and now Boulder City firefighters will receive the newest, most effective models.

The Leavitt Group and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company are teaming up to award a \$25,000 grant to the Boulder City Fire Department for 13 new sets of turnout gear, which includes the jacket and pants.

Turnout gear is the protective, fire-resistant clothing firefighters wear when responding to incidents like fires or major vehicle crashes. The clothing protects them from exposure to chemicals, heat and flames. These new sets, which meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, will ensure the department's firefighters are properly outfitted.

"Turnout gear is crucial for protecting our firefighters in order to rescue trapped victims and fight fires in toxic environments," said Fire Chief Kevin Nicholson. "This grant enables us to satisfy our most basic mission: saving lives. In terms of personal protection, a firefighter's safety is only as reliable as his or her turnout gear."

"We are proud to help in such a meaningful way, knowing these firefighters will benefit from such an important donation," said Rod Leavitt with The Leavitt Group. "Having updated protective gear isn't a luxury – it's critical to the well-being of all firefighters."

Chief Nicholson, Boulder City firefighters, local dignitaries, and executives from The Leavitt Group and Fireman's Fund will come together for a special public event where the grant package will be presented:

Date/Time:

**Thursday, June 26, 2008
1:30 p.m.**

Location:

**Boulder City Fire
1101 Elm St.
Boulder City, NV**

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The grant package is part of a nationwide program called Fireman's Fund Heritage[®] which is 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 1,000 different departments totaling more than \$18 million.

Independent insurance agencies/brokers that sell Fireman's Fund products are able to direct these grants to support fire stations in their communities. The Leavitt Group was instrumental in directing this specific donation to Boulder City.

About The Leavitt Group

The Leavitt Group, founded in 1952, is one of the largest insurance brokerages in the United States. It is an organization of affiliated independent insurance agencies with over 115 locations across the country and approximately \$1.5 billion in annualized premiums. Leavitt Group affiliates are able to provide effective, sophisticated and creative risk management and risk transfer solutions to all types of businesses. For more information, visit www.leavitt.com.

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. Founded in 1863 with a mission to support firefighters, Fireman's Fund continues this mission today through the Fireman's Fund Heritage program. Fireman's Fund is a member of the Allianz Group (NYSE: AZ), one of the world's largest providers of insurance and other financial services. It is rated 'A+' by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. Allianz ranks as the most sustainable insurer in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index based on its economic, social and environmental performance. For more information, visit www.firemansfund.com.

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