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DALLAS FIREFIGHTERS TO RECEIVE STATE-OF-THE-ART FITNESS EQUIPMENT & TRAINING PACKAGE

New Training Gear Made Possible with \$30,000 Donation

DALLAS (Oct. 15, 2007) – Every year across the country, heart attacks and strokes are responsible for killing 50 percent of the firefighters who die while on-duty. Westrope and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company are donating \$30,875 to the Dallas Fire Department to help purchase seven new workout machines for the city's firefighters to encourage physical fitness.

Fire Chief Eddie Burns said his department will receive two stationary cycles, two elliptical machines, and three new treadmills.

"Other fire departments that have physical fitness programs have experienced a dramatic decrease in deaths and injuries among their firefighters," said Chief Burns.

Dallas points to studies that show up to 71 percent fewer injuries, a 43 percent reduction in sick leave, and a 25 to 45 percent reduction in sprain/strain injuries.

"These different pieces of equipment are specifically designed to strengthen the heart, muscles and entire body," said Chief Burns. "A firefighter's job is very strenuous and we're committed to helping them maintain healthy lives and staying physically fit throughout their careers."

"We can't think of a better way to help the firefighters," said Kevin Westrope, president/CEO and founder of Westrope. "They have incredibly demanding jobs and it's important we support their health with these new high-tech workout machines."

Chief Burns, Dallas firefighters, and executives from Westrope and Fireman's Fund will come together for a public event where the grant package will be presented:

Date / Time:
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Location:
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla Street
Dallas, TX 75201-6390

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The grant package is part of a nationwide program called Fireman's Fund HeritageSM 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 hundreds of different departments totaling more than \$14 million. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman's Fund products are able to direct these grants to support fire stations in their communities. Westrope was instrumental in directing this specific one to Dallas.

About Westrope

Westrope is one of the top five privately-held wholesale insurance brokers in the United States. Founded in 1992, the company is now home to over 140 insurance professionals in seven offices across the country. Westrope's brokers specialize in property, casualty, transportation, construction, executive & professional liability, agribusiness and workers' compensation. With strategic market relationships, Westrope is committed to providing superior service through innovative solutions. For more information, visit www.westrope.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. For more information, visit www.firemansfund.com.

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