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SEATTLE'S ARSON DOG RECEIVES SPECIAL DONATION

\$15,000 Donation will Help Fund Training, Expenses to Ensure Dog's Involvement in Investigations throughout Entire Region

SEATTLE (Jan. 22, 2009) – She is only four years old and happy to do her job for free with the Seattle Fire Department. Instead of a salary, she works for toys, treats and friendship from her co-workers. Henny, a vibrant Labrador retriever, is the department's arson investigation dog, and considered one of the most valuable members of the team.

Cascade Risk Placement and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company are teaming up to donate \$15,000 to the Seattle Fire Department to help fund the expenses needed to maintain the training and living expenses for a four-legged investigator. The grant money will be used to pay for Henny's vet bills, food, exercise equipment, ongoing training and certification, and general upkeep.

Captain Steve Baer, Henny's handler, said the dog has participated in more than 65 fire investigations in the Seattle metro area, and is one of only two arson dogs in the entire state. Henny's highly-trained nose can sniff accelerants and other chemicals used to spark fires.

"Henny is an amazing tool for fire investigations, not only in Seattle, but in neighboring cities and towns as well," said Captain Baer. "It is very expensive for a department to have an arson dog, so donations like this help ensure Henny will be part of our team for many years to come."

Captain Baer and Henny will join local dignitaries and executives from Cascade Risk Placement and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for a special public event where the grant will be presented to the Seattle Fire Department. During the event, there will be a live demonstration of Henny's abilities:

Date & Time:
Friday, Jan. 23, 2009
3:30 p.m.

Location:
Seattle Fire Dept., Station 10
400 S. Washington St.
Seattle, WA

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“Henny is a critical member of the Seattle Fire Department,” said Shane Sullivan, president of Cascade Risk Placement. “We are lucky to have her working within our communities and are proud to support her with this grant.”

The grant package 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 over 1,100 different departments totaling more than \$20 million. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman’s Fund products are able to direct these grants to support fire stations in their communities. Cascade Risk Placement was instrumental in directing this specific gift to Seattle.

About Cascade Risk Placement, Inc.

Cascade Risk Placement, Inc. is an insurance brokerage, consulting and risk management services company. It specializes in real estate owners and working with managers across the country. Cascade Risk Placement continues to be devoted to fire departments and other risk control units. For more information, visit www.cascaderisk.com.

About Fireman’s Fund

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