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COTTONWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FUNDING TO ENHANCE TRAINING

COTTONWOOD, Ariz. (Sept. 14, 2009) – Cascade Risk Placement and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company are teaming up to award \$5,000 to the Cottonwood Fire Department to help fund training for firefighters. Campbell-Hogue played a key role in helping identify this specific need within the community they serve.

The money will go toward purchasing training resources. These resources will include nationally recognized training programs that will enable our department to comply with the training requirements mandated by OSHA and recommended training standards advocated by NFPA. An emphasis will be placed on training materials addressing hazardous materials emergency response.

"Training our firefighters is a top priority in this department," said Fire Chief Mike Casson. "Techniques and skills are ever-changing in the fire service, and it's critical that our rescuers learn the most up-to-date procedures and methods for safe fire operations."

"Terry Campbell at Campbell-Hogue brought this need for the local fire department to our attention, and we're proud to be able to help the community in such an important way as the firefighters in this community deserve the best training possible," said Shane Sullivan with Cascade Risk Placement. "We're happy to know this money will go toward such an important cause."

Cottonwood fire officials, firefighters, and executives from Cascade Risk Placement and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company will come together for a special event where the grant package will be formally presented:

Date / Time:

**Monday, Sept. 14, 2009
12:30 p.m.**

Location:

**Cottonwood Fire Department
191 S. 6th St.
Cottonwood, AZ**

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The grant is part of a nationwide philanthropic program funded by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. The program is designed to provide much 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 Cascade Risk Placement, are able to direct these grants to support the fire service.

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 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 Campbell-Hogue & Associates, Inc.

Bellevue based, Campbell-Hogue & Associates Inc, a real estate development company, has provided quality apartment communities to the City of Cottonwood since 1995. The firm currently owns and operates 176 apartment homes in Cottonwood. For more information, visit www.campbell-hogue.com.

About Fireman's Fund

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company is a premier property and casualty insurance company providing personal and commercial insurance products nationwide. It is rated 'AA-' by Standard & Poor's Rating Services. Fireman's Fund is a member of the Allianz Group (NYSE: AZ), one of the world's largest providers of insurance and financial services. For additional information, visit www.firemansfund.com.

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