



# Corporate Partner

## *Newsletter*

### **NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION PROVIDES SUPPORT IN THE WAKE OF CHARLESTON TRAGEDY**

On June 18, 2007, nine firefighters reported for duty in Charleston, South Carolina and did not return home. This was the greatest single loss of firefighters in the U.S. since 343 firefighters were lost in the collapse of the World Trade Center. Today, Charleston is a city with a broken heart. We can help them begin the journey to rebuild their lives as a family, community and fire department.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has received a request from the City of Charleston to establish and coordinate a unit to provide for the immediate needs and long term behavioral health support to the families, surviving firefighters and their families.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has committed to providing assistance to the members of the Charleston Fire Department and the families of the fallen firefighters. Peer and mental health support for family members of the fallen firefighters and the Charleston firefighters and their families will be provided to address their long-term emotional and behavioral health needs.

For more information about how your organization can help, please contact Cathy Hedrick at 240-299-0360 or at [chedrick@firehero.org](mailto:chedrick@firehero.org).





## **NATIONWIDE GOLF TOURNAMENTS BENEFIT THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION**



The Foundation held its 4th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament on June 15th in Fairfield, PA. Since 2004, the Annual Golf Tournament has been incredibly successful and yielded over \$70,000 in donations to support the families of our fallen fire service heroes. Due to the repeated success of the Tournament, many of our emergency responder colleagues volunteered to help make this Tournament a National event. Nine regional locations were added to the home site and each Tournament was held during the US Open Week. While still too early to tell, the proceeds from all 10 locations appear to be well in excess of \$100,000.00.

The proceeds from all the Tournaments go directly to the Foundation to develop and sustain programs such as the Taking Care of Our Own® Program; the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend; the Scholarship Program for the spouses, children and stepchildren of fallen firefighters honored at our Memorial; the Fire Service Survivors Network, which matches survivors with similar experiences and circumstances; and the "Everyone Goes Home®" Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program - working to prevent line-of-duty deaths. These are just some of the many programs the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation offers to help support families and the fire service.

Numerous sites have been identified and it likely that the 5th Annual Memorial Tournament will have well over 20 locations throughout the continental U.S. and the Hawaiian Islands. These Annual Memorial Golf Tournaments will be held in honor of all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and in support of their families. All proceeds from this event go directly to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to assist these firefighters' families.

***For more information on the 5th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament contact Eileen Winston at 301-447-1406 or e-Mail [ewinston@firehero.org](mailto:ewinston@firehero.org).***



## **PARTNER PROFILE: ANSUL® AND SCOTT HEALTH & SAFETY®**

Firefighters are the world's first line of defense in the face of a devastating fire. Unfortunately, thousands of these men and women are injured or die each year protecting us from disaster. Without proper equipment, firefighters lack the ability to quickly and effectively knock down a fire that can severely threaten lives and property. That's why ANSUL and SCOTT HEALTH & SAFETY are proud to support firefighters with efficient, powerful technologies to help extinguish fires safely and effectively.

ANSUL's full line of special hazard fire protection products includes fire extinguishers and hand line units; pre-engineered restaurant, vehicle, and industrial systems; sophisticated fire detection/suppression systems and a complete line of dry chemical, gaseous extinguishing, and firefighting foam agents.

SCOTT HEALTH & SAFETY is a world leading manufacturer of high-performance life safety equip-

ment such as respirators, gas detection instruments, compressors and personnel accountability systems that allow firefighters to safely and strategically combat fire.

Fires today present new challenges as many buildings house high-asset materials, large numbers of people and unique infrastructures, making it difficult to properly fight fire without putting firefighters at risk. Creative firefighting technologies, such as extinguishing agents, durable fire extinguishers, breathing apparatus and detection systems, allow firefighters to extinguish fires from a safe distance. Both ANSUL and SCOTT HEALTH & SAFETY put innovative technologies into firefighters' hands to make them more effective and keep them safe – which is critical in this high-risk, high-demand industry.

Visit our websites at [www.ansul.com](http://www.ansul.com) and [www.scottthealthsafety.com](http://www.scottthealthsafety.com).

## **PARTNER PROFILE: STATE FARM INSURANCE**

For more than 85 years, State Farm Insurance Companies® have been dedicated to meeting customers' needs, not only by providing quality products at a fair price – but also by helping build safe, strong and educated communities. State Farm demonstrates its good neighbor support by helping improve auto and home safety, helping families and communities prepare for and recover from natural disasters, revitalizing neighborhoods, and bridging the community and classroom experience.

State Farm has long supported the efforts of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) to honor the brave men and women of America's fire service family who lost their lives in the line of duty.

As an American Eagle Sponsor, State Farm regularly supports the Foundation's major programs. State Farm is a chief contributor to the Foundation's scholarship program for spouses, children, and stepchildren of America's fallen firefighters. In 2002, State Farm and its agents made a donation for more than \$1 million.

Thanks to State Farm's continued support, survivors receive financial assistance to help them pursue their educational goals.

State Farm is also a sponsor of the Foundation's annual Memorial Weekend. Its contribution allows the Foundation to provide lodging and meals for the families of America's fallen fire heroes so they may attend the official national tribute to their loved ones. The number of families able to attend the Weekend has increased significantly over the past few years.

As the leading insurer of homes in the U.S., State Farm recognizes the safe haven a home provides and the tragedy that could result when it is threatened or damaged. Besides State Farm's efforts to promote fire protection, the company also promotes home safety and disaster preparedness by educating home builders, inspectors, architects and engineers about the need for safer, better-built homes.

Visit State Farm's website at: [www.statefarm.com](http://www.statefarm.com).



## 26TH NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND TO BE HELD OCTOBER 6 - 7, 2007



The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration announce that the 26th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend will be held October 6-7, 2007. A plaque with the names of 86 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2006 will be added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, located here on the National Fire Academy campus. The names of 4 firefighters who died in previous years will also be added. The plaques surrounding the Memorial, which was established in 1981, will contain the names of more than 3,100 firefighters.

Thirty-three states experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2006. Deaths resulted from many causes, including vehicle accidents while en route to or returning from emergency calls, training incidents, building collapses, being struck by objects (vehicles, trees) at the incident scene, falls, heart attacks, helicopter crashes, drowning, and burns. Five multiple fatality incidents accounted for 15 deaths. Two multiple fatality incidents occurred at structural fires while the other three occurred during air operations or while fighting wild fires. Wildland fires, controlled burns and air craft training/certification for wildland protection resulted in 20 fatalities. New York suffered the nation's greatest number

of line-of-duty firefighter deaths in 2006 with 12, California and North Carolina had 8 each, and New Jersey had 5.

Hal Bruno, Chairman of the NFFF Board of Directors, stated: "Survivors and members of the fire service travel from across the country to honor their loved ones and fallen comrades at the Memorial Weekend. They receive emotional support and meet others who suffered loss. The Foundation's services are offered to the families and colleagues of fallen firefighters not only following a line-of-duty death but for years to come."



***There are still opportunities to support the 2007 Memorial Weekend. If your organization would like to make a donation please contact the NFFF at 410-721-6212 or visit our website at [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org)***



## **PARTNER PROFILE: DUPONT**

DuPont is proud of its 40 year commitment to helping protect the firefighters who protect us. We support those firefighters and first responders with science-based innovations such as flame-resistant fibers and filaments, non-woven substrates, protective finishes and chem/bio membranes. DuPont™ Nomex® and Kevlar® brand fibers provide proven protection, durability and comfort from the inside out, while helping protect you against intense heat and flame, abrasion, fatigue and heat stress. Tough and durable, yet comfortable and breathable at the same time, Nomex® and Kevlar® can be found in each distinct layer of your turnout. So regardless of the composition of your outer

shell, Nomex® and Kevlar® are working hard on the inside to help protect you against burn injuries from high temperatures, compression, contact and even flash over conditions. The same garment that protects you from heat also prevents the release of metabolic heat that can contribute to heat stress. Everyone must balance the levels of thermal insulation with the type of work that must be performed.

As a proud contributor to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, DuPont continues to research new technologies to support the Fire Services community.

Visit Dupont's website at: [www.dupont.com](http://www.dupont.com)

## **PARTNER PROFILE: AMERICAN LAFRANCE, LLC**

American LaFrance, LLC is a proud flagship sponsor for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), helping support America's firefighting heroes. As one of the oldest manufacturers of emergency apparatus, American LaFrance has been there through it all, a trustworthy ally for those men and women who face an unstable, uncertain environment with professionalism and courage. With empathy and passion, we stand by those confronted with the loss of a loved one from a line of duty death. American LaFrance is dedicated to assisting NFFF in providing support for those loved ones in their time of need.

As we celebrate our 175th anniversary year, American LaFrance is committed to providing innovative de-

signs and safety features that protect those firefighters that are on the front lines protecting our communities. With the help of the foundation, it is our goal to comfort grieving coworkers and friends, and help support, both financially and emotionally, the families of those fallen.

In each and every apparatus that we build for America's communities, we do it with firefighters' safety in mind. We don't take our longstanding career as America's oldest fire apparatus manufacturer lightly ... we continue to care, to evolve, to build the apparatus that America's heroes have come to trust.

Visit American LaFrance's website at: [www.americanlafrance.com](http://www.americanlafrance.com)

## **PARTNER PROFILE: KIDDE**

Every year thousands of families lose loved ones to home fires and carbon monoxide poisonings. Firefighters see these tragedies first hand, and put their lives on the line every day.

Kidde believes the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation goes above and beyond to honor America's fallen fire heroes and help prevent line-of-duty deaths. As a Gold Helmet Sponsor, Kidde has teamed up with the Foundation to help keep firefighters safe by raising awareness of the need for better home fire safety. Kid-

de is committed to helping reduce line-of-duty deaths, and to making sure that "Everyone Goes Home."

As the largest manufacturer of fire safety products, Kidde's mission is to provide solutions that protect people and property from the effects of fire and its related hazards. Based in Mebane, NC, Kidde is part of UTC Fire & Security, a leading global supplier of fire safety and security services, and a division of United Technologies Corporation (NYSE:UTX). For more information, visit [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com).



## PARTNER PROFILE: MOTOROLA

Motorola is proud to stand with our nation's fire and emergency services professionals. For more than seven decades, Motorola has been a proud supplier and supporter of the America fire service providing mission critical communications for our nation's First Responders. On behalf of Motorola employees, we salute our nation's fire service and pay tribute to the fallen firefighters who have given the ultimate sacrifice in serving their communities. Motorola is privileged to team with the NFFF and assist the survivors of our fallen fire service heroes.

The Motorola Foundation grant to the Sarbanes Scholarship Program will support family members who are pursuing careers in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. The company's donation to the NFFF annual memorial weekend will enable survivor families to attend the event and participate in activities under the Fire Service Survivor's Network.

Motorola's commitment shows its continued support and gratitude for our nation's firefighters and their service to our families, our communities and our nation.

### About Motorola

Motorola is known around the world for innovation and leadership in wireless and broadband communi-

cations. Inspired by our vision of seamless mobility, the people of Motorola are committed to helping you connect simply and seamlessly to the people, information, and entertainment that you want and need. We do this by designing and delivering "must have" products, "must do" experiences and powerful networks -- along with a full complement of support services. A Fortune 100 company with global presence and impact, Motorola had sales of US \$42.9 billion in 2006. For more information about our company, our people and our innovations, please visit <http://www.Motorola.com>.

### About the Motorola Foundation

The Motorola Foundation is the independent charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola. With 70,000 employees globally, Motorola seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships, fostering innovation and engaging stakeholders. The Motorola Foundation focuses its funding on education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming. For more information, on Motorola Corporate and Foundation giving, visit [www.motorola.com/giving](http://www.motorola.com/giving).

## PARTNER PROFILE: VFIS

In 1969, VFIS pioneered specialized insurance coverages designed to meet the unique needs of America's emergency service organizations. For nearly 40 years, VFIS has been committed to protecting the resources of emergency service organizations and promoting the health and interest of their members. Wherever and whenever the welfare of our emergency responders is at stake, VFIS is there to lead or support their efforts with a level of dedication no imitator can duplicate.

VFIS salutes our nation's firefighters and appreciates their service to our families, our communities, and our nation. We have long been a supporter of our nation's firefighters, and are proud to assist and

contribute to the efforts of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

### About VFIS

Today, VFIS is the largest provider of specialized insurance products and services to emergency service organizations, with more than 15,000 clients in all 50 states and Canada.

Our commitment to the emergency services extends well beyond the field of insurance. We offer a wide range of high-quality education, training, and risk control services to assist our emergency service clients in strengthening their operations. For more information, visit [www.vfis.com](http://www.vfis.com)



# NOT A NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION SPONSOR?

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation relies on private donations to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities and neighbors.

Your sponsorship of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's program allow us to deliver the services and emotional support to the fire service survivors and members of fire departments that have suffered a line-

of-duty death.

Our corporate sponsorship program provides you with a unique opportunity to show your support for America's Bravest and their families. Through your support of the Foundation, you can help us honor their sacrifice and show your support for the men and women who keep us safe.

## HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR SUPPORT?

There are several ways you can help the families of America's Fallen Bravest. Use the information below to determine which level of giving is right for your organization.

### **American Eagle Sponsorship**

**\$500,000 and Above**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Help Create Memorial Park Visitors Center
- » Provide Memorial Weekend Travel for All Survivors

### **Crystal Memorial Sponsorship**

**\$100,000 - \$499,999**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Help in the Development of Foundation Programs
- » Provide Memorial Weekend Transportation (All)

### **Gold Helmet Sponsorship**

**\$50,000 - \$99,999**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Help with Memorial Park Expansion
- » Fund National Memorial Tribute Video

### **Silver Helmet Sponsorship**

**\$25,000 - \$49,999**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Provide Survivor Scholarships Opportunities
- » Fund Memorial Weekend Photo & Video Services

### **Bronze Helmet Sponsorship**

**\$10,000 - \$24,999**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Help Us Provide Outreach to the Fire Service
- » Provide Memorial Weekend Keepsakes

### **Pewter Helmet Sponsorship**

**\$5,000 - \$9,999**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Provide Grief Publications & Educational Materials
- » Provide Memorial Weekend Travel

### **Black Helmet Sponsorship**

**\$2,500 - \$4,999**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Help Fund the Fire Svc. Survivor Support Network
- » Provide Memorial Weekend Meals (Ind.)

### **Red Helmet Sponsorship**

**\$1,000 - \$2,499**

**Your Donation Could:**

- » Support the Chief-to-Chief Network Program
- » Provide Memorial Weekend Lodging (Ind.)

**If your organization would like to make a donation please contact the NFFF at 410-721-6212, e-Mail [bking@firehero.org](mailto:bking@firehero.org) or visit our website at [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org)**