Dear Fire Department Personnel:

On behalf of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Everyone Goes Home program, we are pleased to present the latest Resource Kit. Its purpose is to provide you with valuable information and training tools that can be used in your efforts to better prepare your firefighters to reduce the number of preventable line-of-duty deaths (LODDs).

This material is the result of the efforts of many; those that appear on the DVDs, and those that worked behind the scenes to complete this training packet. Included in the training materials are video presentations by respected fire service figures, as well as static wall and/or vehicle displays. These will help with your department’s training and provide regular reminders to work safely.

Ultimately, it is about motivation to improve the capabilities of all members of our nation’s fire departments. Continual attention to detail and improved performance are essential in successful operations where the job is completed properly and no one is ever needlessly injured or killed. Firefighters are exposed to risks on a frequent basis and can get hurt or die in the line-of-duty doing everything exactly as they should have. With that stark reality in mind, the fire service must continue to work together to ensure that preventable firefighter line-of-duty-deaths are never the result of a lack of competence, a poor attitude, complacency, or any combination of these contributing factors.

The basis of the training is the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives developed in 2004 by over 280 representatives of the fire service. These initiatives create the blueprint for a comprehensive program that will be necessary to aggressively address change in the fire service. We need all 32,000 plus fire departments in the United States and all 1,000,000 firefighters to exert the appropriate due diligence so that “Everyone Goes Home” – every call, every shift.

This package is brought to you through the generosity of the Department of Homeland Security’s Fire Act Grant and Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company.

Sincerely,

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