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**SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT
RECEIVES NEW RESCUE DEVICE FOR FIREBOAT**

HIGH-TECH CAMERA TO SCAN WATER, HELP FIND VICTIMS AT NIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO (July 31, 2007) – It has quickly become one of the most important pieces of equipment any fire department can have, and now one of San Francisco’s Fireboats will receive one of the most modern, high-tech versions.

Gallagher-Tarantino, a division of Arthur J. Gallagher and Co., and Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company are giving \$9,971 to the San Francisco Fire Department for the purchase of a new thermal imaging camera.

The heat-sensitive camera, typically used by Firefighters to search for victims and hidden fire inside smoke-filled buildings, will now be utilized during water rescue and recovery efforts. The camera uses updated technology to “see” through darkness and fog to quickly locate anyone in the water, trapped on a boat, or on a pier.

“Thermal imaging cameras are invaluable tools that significantly improve the delivery of service to our community,” said Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White. “Our fireboats have a unique responsibility to protect our city along the waterfront and this gift will have a huge impact in our search and rescue efforts.”

Chief Hayes-White, San Francisco Firefighters, and executives from Gallagher-Tarantino and Fireman’s Fund will come together for a public recognition event where the new camera will be presented and demonstrated.

Date and Time:

Thursday, August 2, 2007

10:00 AM

Location:

McCovey Cove

Ferry Pier behind AT&T Park

“We can’t think of a better way to support our Firefighters in this area,” said Don Tarantino, area President of Gallagher-Tarantino. “These cameras are reliable tools for saving lives and we’re proud to help San Francisco utilize one in this innovative way.”

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The donation is part of a nationwide program called Fireman's Fund Heritage 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 given more than \$13 million to hundreds of different departments. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman's Fund products are able to direct these donations to support fire stations in their communities. Gallagher-Tarantino was instrumental in directing this specific gift to San Francisco.

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