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Presents Come Early this Holiday Season for the San Francisco Fire Department

(San Francisco – December 8, 2010) On Friday, December 10th, the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation (SFFCPF) will deliver the first of five Washer/Extractors donated by the non-profit organization to one of San Francisco's busiest Fire Stations.

Statistics show that cancer rates in Firefighters is dramatically higher than that of the general public. Firefighters are exposed to toxic smoke and fumes on a regular basis. Even with their protective breathing equipment on, it is known that these same toxic chemicals are absorbed by the protective clothing they wear and goes back to the fire station with them where they continue to be exposed.

SFFCPF, founded by former San Francisco Fire Captain and cancer survivor Tony Stefani, is dedicated to the early detection and prevention of cancer in both active and retired San Francisco Firefighters. "The foundation has been conducting cancer screenings since 2007 and is now taking steps toward the prevention of these cancers," said Stefani. "The need to decontaminate the Firefighter's protective clothing is a reality in the ultimate goal of preventing work-related cancers in Firefighters. Eventually, we're hoping to supply a majority of San Francisco's fire stations with these Washer/Extractors. We're off to a good start."

Delivery will take place on Friday, December 10th, 2010, at 12 Noon at Station 7. Fire Station 7 is located at 2300 Folsom Street (at 19th St.).

For more information about the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation

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