

Summerfield Fire District to Bolster Fire Prevention Efforts with FM Global Grant

Summerfield, North Carolina—The **Summerfield Fire District** has received a **\$2149** fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world’s largest property insurers.

FM Global representatives presented the award to Summerfield’s Fire Chief Chris Johnson located at 7400 Summerfield Rd Fire Station #9. The award will be used to assist with fire prevention activities in the community to help educate the community and reduce the number of fires.

Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past 30 years FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service organizations around the globe.

“At FM Global, we strongly believe the majority of property damage is preventable, not inevitable,” said Michael Spaziani, manager of the fire prevention grant program. “Far too often, inadequate budgets prevent those organizations working to prevent fire from being as proactive as they would like to be. With additional financial support, grant recipients are actively helping to improve property risk in the communities they serve.”

Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program (www.fmglobal.com/grants), FM Global awards grants quarterly to fire departments—as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations worldwide—that best demonstrate a need for funding, where dollars can have the most demonstrable impact on preventing fire, or mitigating the damage it can quickly cause.

To learn more about FM Global’s Fire Prevention Grant Program, or to apply for a grant, please visit www.fmglobal.com/grants.

For 175 years, more than one out of every three FORTUNE 1000 companies and similar-sized organizations operating in more than 130 countries work with FM Global (www.fmglobal.com) to develop robust risk management solutions to protect their business operations from fire, natural disasters and other types of property perils. Headquartered in Johnston, R.I., FM Global ranks 545 among FORTUNE magazine’s largest companies in America. The company has been named “Best Property Insurer in the World” according to *Euromoney* magazine, rated number one “for overall product and service quality” according to *Strategic Risk* magazine and named “Best Global Property Insurer” by *Global Finance* magazine.

Message from Fire Chief Chris Johnson of the Summerfield Fire District:

With the grant Summerfield Fire District is planning on purchasing a laptop computer and projector so that we can deliver our safety message mobile. Instead of always having people come to the station, we can go to them. We will also purchase fire safety videos and hand outs to assist with our prevention message. With the budget short fall for fire departments the past two years, we have to look at other means to help provide service to the people of Summerfield. Prevention is a big part of our job and an area we shouldn't cut due to budget constraints. It is great to have a company like FM Global offer grants to help fire departments out.

