

# Fireman's Fund Heritage<sup>SM</sup>:

## Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Talks About Their Squad's Grant

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Coleen Whitefield and Burke Hayes (first and second from left) of B. F. Saul Insurance together with Anthony Davis of Fireman's Fund present grant check to Fire/Rescue Chief Edward G. Sherburne

By Fire/Rescue Chief **Edward G. Sherburne**, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad

Funding challenges across the country have left many fire departments and rescue squads with limited resources. In urban areas this problem is particularly acute with increase homeland security mandates coupled with routine increases in calls. My rescue squad, unfortunately, is no exception, so we were thrilled when informed that **B. F. Saul Insurance** was awarding us with a grant for **\$10,466**.

Grant funds are being used to purchase **12 sets of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personal protective equipment**. The protective clothing, including jacket and pants, are specifically designed to, among other things, protect first responders from contact with blood and bodily fluid-borne pathogens when responding to emergency medical calls, vehicle collisions, and other rescues. Also, the outer shell of the gear provides protection against flash fires. This equipment will allow our first responders to do their jobs more safely,

efficiently and effectively, which will improve morale and make our community safer.

The grant was made through the Fireman's Fund Heritage<sup>SM</sup> program, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company's social mission to support firefighters and rescue workers for safer communities. Under the program, agents across the country who carry Fireman's Fund products, like B. F. Saul Insurance, have the opportunity to direct grants to fire departments and rescue squads.

On behalf of our rescue squad members and community residents, I would like to thank B. F. Saul Insurance and Fireman's Fund for helping us meet a critical need of our rescue squad as we continue to protect our community.

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