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The Meadows Foundation Awards \$161,546 to Dallas Fire-Rescue

After hearing about a West Dallas house fire on January 1, 2008, that claimed the lives of a family of three, The Meadows Foundation contacted Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Debra Carlin to offer assistance by providing funding for education materials, smoke detectors, and a burglar bar retrofit program to improve citizen safety from fires. Application for the grant was made by Fire Prevention Education & Inspection Division of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department. On January 23, 2008, a \$161,546 grant was awarded to the City of Dallas, the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department (DFRD). The funds were officially accepted by the City on February 27, 2008.

With these monies the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department will be able to purchase smoke detectors with tamper proof 10 year lithium batteries to be installed during smoke detector installation blitzes as well as for citizens requesting a smoke detector.

The monies will also be used to enhance education programs conducted by the Fire Prevention Education & Inspection Division. Supplies and materials for the National Fire Protection Association curriculum, Riskwatch®, will be bought with the grant monies. Riskwatch® will be taught in both public and private schools in Dallas. The Clown program will be enhanced with the purchase of much needed equipment and supplies.

“The brave men and women of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department are among the first responders when emergencies arise,” said Meadows Foundation President and CEO Linda P. Evans. “We are pleased to support their efforts to improve safety and minimize tragedy in our community through increased awareness of actions and home improvements that can help save lives and minimize property loss.” Evans added.

A Burglar Bar Retrofit program will begin if the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department can raise additional monies to fund this portion of the program. The Meadows Foundation partially funded this program and has challenged DFRD to come up with the remaining funding. Additional funding is being sought from various charities/agencies/businesses by the Fire

Prevention Education & Inspection Division. If fully funded, this program would retrofit 15 owner/occupied homes that have dangerous burglar bars with code compliant burglar bars.

The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algur H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas. The Foundation's mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations. For additional information, please visit The Meadows Foundation web site at <http://www.mfi.org>.

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department sincerely thanks The Meadows Foundation for their generous donation.

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