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FIRE FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATION PROMOTES FIREFIGHTER SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

[SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, AUGUST 8, 2020] – New Mexico firefighters received a donation of 500 infrared thermometers from the Fire Family Foundation in partnership with the New Mexico Fire Protection Grant Council. The New Mexico Fire Marshal’s Council oversaw distribution to every fire station throughout the state. These thermometers provide rapid results without body contact, allowing firefighters and paramedics to quickly—and safely—assess their potential risk for COVID-19 exposure while delivering assistance during emergencies.

“Our firefighters were experiencing high call volumes that placed members at increased risk of exposure to the virus,” said Robert E. Larrañaga, Chairperson of the New Mexico Fire Protection Grant Council. “We express sincere gratitude to the Fire Family Foundation for their efforts in protecting our firefighters.”

The Fire Family Foundation provides nationwide support and financial assistance to firefighters and their families in times of need. The Foundation provides emergency funds to firefighter families impacted in the wake of natural disasters, such as wildfires and floods. The Foundation also supports firefighters experiencing financial hardship and awards annual scholarships to college-bound children of active, retired and fallen firefighters.

“Our Board of Directors unanimously approved this donation at the end of April,” stated Fire Family Foundation Executive Director, Elizabeth Dever. “It’s gratifying to see the culmination of our efforts. With New Mexico firefighters able to work more safely during this pandemic, we can all breathe a small sigh of relief.”

*The **Fire Family Foundation** provides support and financial assistance to firefighters and their families in times of need. All fundraising proceeds and direct donations received by the Foundation go directly to assistance programs, thanks to the operational support of **Firefighters First Credit Union**. Fire Family Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID #36-4613248. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.*

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