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**WORLDWIDE FACILITIES, INC TEAMS WITH FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY  
TO DONATE STATE-OF-THE-ART FITNESS AND TRAINING EQUIPMENT TO  
DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES FIREFIGHTERS**

*New Fitness Training Package Made Possible with \$24,000 Donation*

LOS ANGELES (Aug. 14, 2009) – Every year across the country, heart attacks and strokes are responsible for killing 50 percent of the firefighters who die while on-duty. Worldwide Facilities®, Inc. and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company have teamed up to donate \$24,378 to the Los Angeles Fire Department to help purchase new workout machines for the city's firefighters to encourage physical fitness.

Battalion Chief Fred Mathis said his department will receive two new treadmills, an elliptical trainer, and various weights which will be placed at Station 11 near 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Wilshire Blvd.

"This equipment is specifically designed to strengthen the heart, muscles and entire body," said Chief Mathis. "A firefighter's job is very strenuous and we're committed to helping them maintain healthy lives and staying physically fit throughout their careers."

Studies have shown that a regular fitness regime can have a dramatic impact on firefighter wellness, with up to 71 percent fewer work-related injuries, a 43 percent reduction in sick leave, and a 25 to 45 percent reduction in sprain/strain injuries.

"We can't think of a better way to help the firefighters," said Davis Moore, president of Worldwide Facilities. "They have incredibly demanding jobs and it's important we support their health with these new high-tech workout machines."

Chief Mathis, Los Angeles firefighters, and executives from Worldwide Facilities and Fireman's Fund came together for a special public recognition event where the grant package was presented last Thursday, August 13 at Los Angeles Fire Department, Station 11 on W. 7<sup>th</sup> street.

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The grant is part of a nationwide philanthropic program funded by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. The program is designed to provide needed equipment, training and educational tools to local fire departments. Since 2004, Fireman's Fund has issued grants to more than 1,400 different departments totaling more than \$23 million. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman's Fund insurance, like Worldwide Facilities, are able to direct these grants to support the fire service.

### **About Worldwide Facilities, Inc.**

Worldwide Facilities, which began in 1970, is headquartered in Los Angeles and is one of the leading private, independent wholesale brokers domiciled in the Western United States. In addition to its Los Angeles location, Worldwide has offices in San Francisco, Irvine, Seattle, Phoenix, and Atlanta. For more information, visit [www.wwfi.com](http://www.wwfi.com) or contact us at [info@wwfi.com](mailto:info@wwfi.com)

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