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911 FUND Donation Guidelines (2011)

The 911 FUND is a not-for-profit charity created in the aftermath of September 11th, 2001 by New York City firefighters and emergency personnel who worked on 9/11 at the World Trade Center, and for countless days thereafter. The 911 FUND donates fire trucks, ambulances, firefighting equipment, medical supplies and training to fire departments, medical and municipal organizations, and the communities they serve.

We do this as part of a continuing effort to build preparedness, reduce risks for first responders, enhance safety and public health, and minimize property loss from fire and other types of disasters. Our belief is that access to the training, equipment and/or apparatus that we donate can often mean the difference between life and death, and we see these donations as gifts that keep on giving, while adhering to the best principles and highest traditions of the international fire service. In making these donations, we seek to develop ongoing relationships with aid recipients to enhance the safety of first responders in the work they do.

The 911 FUND has neither a political nor a religious purpose, and we neither solicit nor accept payment for the training we provide, or equipment and/or apparatus that we donate.*

Over the past decade, the 911 FUND has made or is in the process of making training, equipment and/or apparatus donations to Argentina, Belize, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Haiti, the Isle of Man, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Portugal, South Africa and Spain.

A precursor to receiving support from the 911 FUND is:

1. Our receipt of detailed information about the fire department and community requesting our assistance, including historical workload data, current equipment, apparatus, staffing, training, community demographics (population and geographic size) as well as information about levels of support from government and/or industry. This information can be provided through:
 - A completed questionnaire (<http://www.911fund.org/documents/Questionnaire-English.pdf>), and/or
 - A fact-finding visit to the organization/community requesting our assistance to see first-hand the needs that exist and meet with relevant officials. Shortly after such a visit, a report of our findings and recommendations is provided as a basis for further discussion. (Copies of prior reports from several such visits can be found at <http://www.911fund.org/reports.html>). When 911 FUND personnel go on a fact-finding visit, the organization inviting us is expected to provide airline tickets and accommodations during the visit (or identify a sponsor who will do so), and organize essential meetings and visits.



2. Subsequent to review of this report and agreement as to the needs of the organization/community visited, the 911 FUND will endeavor to donate essential equipment and/or apparatus. Aid recipients are required to provide transportation from the United States for these donations, or to identify a sponsor who will do so.

3. Key to these donations is the need to train relevant personnel to ensure that the equipment and/or apparatus that we donate are used safely and responsibly. Training is provided free-of-charge by experts who donate their time, and more importantly their expertise. The recipients of this training, or a sponsor, are required to provide 911 FUND instructors with airline tickets, accommodations during instructional visits, and appropriate facilities in which to provide training.

For additional information and/or to discuss any of the above, please contact us at: info@911fund.org

Be safe, and good luck.

* *The 911 FUND does not make financial donations of any kind, or equipment donations to individuals, regardless of however great the need.*