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## News from: Oakland Fire Department

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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#### **Oakland Fire Department Receives Grant**

*\$5,200 Donation Funds Training for Fire Department Leadership*

*Oakland, CA* – Crist, Fritschi & Paterson, a member of Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers (PIIB), and Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company are partnering to award a \$5,200 grant to the Oakland Fire Department.

“Having strong leadership skills is an important aspect of what we do,” said Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed. “Providing leadership training to company officers will better prepare them for taking command during a major incident. Having sound leadership and decision making skills will help save lives and keep our firefighters safe.”

City of Oakland Fire Department officials, firefighters, and executives from Crist, Fritschi & Paterson, Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers and Fireman’s Fund will come together for a special public event where the grant will be presented:

#### **Date / Time**

**Thursday, August 6, 2015**

**11:00 a.m.**

#### **Location**

**Oakland Fire Department**

**Training Division**

**250 Victory Court**

**Oakland, CA**

Funded by Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company, this grant is part of a nationwide philanthropic program. Founded in 1863 with a social mission to support the fire service, Fireman’s Fund has awarded grants to fire service organizations for life-saving equipment, firefighter training and community education programs. Since 2004, Fireman’s Fund has awarded grants to more than 2,100 different organizations totaling more than \$31 million – including more than \$9.3 million in California. Independent insurance agencies and brokers that sell Fireman’s Fund products, like Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers, are able to direct these grants to support the fire service.

Through this program, Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers has directed over \$40,000 in grants to fire departments in California.

“We can’t think of a better way to support the City of Oakland Fire Department,” said Paul Coupin of Crist Fritschi & Paterson. “Having effective leadership is a top priority in any fire department and we’re proud to help in such a meaningful way.”

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To learn more about the grant program and other grants awarded in California, visit [www.firemansfund.com/heritage](http://www.firemansfund.com/heritage). To learn more about the rich history of Fireman's Fund, visit [www.firemansfund.com/timeline](http://www.firemansfund.com/timeline) or [www.firemansfund.com/film](http://www.firemansfund.com/film).

### **About Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers**

PIIB is a 20 year old cluster with 200+ affiliated agencies and over \$400 million in premium who represents more than 40 insurance companies, Fireman's Fund included. PIIB provides independent insurance agencies with the opportunity to have a bigger and more competitive footprint in the market place and to earn profit sharing that otherwise, on their own, may not be obtainable.

PIIB takes much pride in the dynamic and quality of the affiliates in their group, Crist Fritschi & Paterson being one of them, and is honored to participate in this grant to show their respect and gratitude for those who selflessly serve their community. For additional information, visit [www.piib.com](http://www.piib.com).

### **About Crist Fritschi & Paterson**

Crist, Fritschi & Paterson, Inc. is a third generation, family owned, independent insurance agency. They have been servicing the property, liability and life insurance needs of businesses and families since 1937. For additional information, visit [www.cfpinsurance.com](http://www.cfpinsurance.com).

### **About Fireman's Fund Insurance Company**

As a premier property and casualty insurance company, Fireman's Fund has protected the future for its customers for more than 150 years. With a commitment to supporting firefighters for safer communities, Fireman's Fund has donated more than \$31 million in grants to local fire departments across the United States. Fireman's Fund is a member of the Allianz Group — one of the world's largest insurance providers — and has a strong financial foundation.

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