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# Family of Fallen Georgia Firefighter Receives Grant from WPI Firefighters' Fund

*Fort Worth, Texas, January 21, 2010*—The WPI Firefighters' Fund has provided a grant of \$5,000 to the wife and daughter of fallen firefighter Paul D. Holmes. Holmes, a member of the Douglasville, Georgia, Fire Department, died of complications stemming from a December 2009 vehicle fire. He is survived by his wife and four-year-old daughter.

Holmes was attempting to help the victims of the fire when his rescue vehicle was struck by a privately owned vehicle attempting to pass. The rescue vehicle rolled several times, ejecting Holmes. He was transported by medevac helicopter to a Level-I trauma center, where he was reported to be in stable condition. However, his condition worsened, and he later passed away from his injuries.

While the Holmes family will be receiving benefits, the benefits could take up to six months to arrive. The grant was provided to aid the family during this time. It is the first WPI Firefighters' Fund grant of 2010.

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The WPI Firefighters' Fund (WPIFF) is a registered 501(c) 3 non-profit located in Fort Worth, Texas. Since its inception in 1999, the WPIFF has granted \$779,762.67 to injured firefighters and families of fallen or injured firefighters. For more information about their mission, grants, and annual chili cook-off fundraiser, visit [www.wpiff.org](http://www.wpiff.org).