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WPI Firefighters' Fund grants $2,500 to Texas firefighter

Fort Worth, Texas January 30, 2008 — The WPI Firefighters' Fund presented its second grant of 2008 in the amount of $2,500 to injured firefighter, Cody Schroeder. When firefighters are severely injured in the line of duty, the WPI Firefighters' Fund aims to assist those who need it most. Schroeder, of Beaumont Fire & Rescue, was attempting to extinguish a house fire in December 2007 when a flashover occurred causing the room to burst into flames. He was trapped inside until rescued by fellow firefighters but suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns to 34% of his body.

While Schroeder does receive insurance benefits for his medical treatment, his daily treatment at the Galveston Burn Center requires him to stay in the area. Since he has not been able to return home to Beaumont, his family is also staying in Galveston. WPIFF's grant of $2,500 will help cover travel, accommodations, and miscellaneous expenses for Schroeder and his family during his recovery.

The WPI Firefighters' Fund is a registered 501(c)(3) founded in 1999 to assist the firefighters who protect our families, homes, and communities. The organization provides financial assistance to the families of firefighters killed or injured in the line of duty and to volunteer fire departments for much-needed equipment. The WPIFF has a corporate sponsor that pays all administrative costs, allowing every dollar in donations to help firefighters and their families. WPIFF has granted more than $650,000 and continues to support the nation's firefighter community. For additional information on the WPI Firefighters' Fund, go to www.wpiff.org.

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- Provide grants to the families of firemen killed or injured acting in the line of duty
- Support fire department personnel within the United States for equipment needs not furnished by the budgets of fire departments