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NO NEED FOR A FIRE SALE: SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DONATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

(San Diego, CA – June 4, 2010) – The San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation (Foundation), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is excited to announce the delivery of office furniture and equipment to the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (Department). Cricket Wireless donated excess office furnishings to several community organizations, including the Foundation, upon its move to a new building. The Foundation, in turn, immediately donated it to the Department.

“Supporting the mission and personnel of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is our mission,” said Phil Forgione, Board President of the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation. “As we continue to raise funds for necessary firefighting, rescue and lifeguard equipment and training, we will also pursue donations to supplement the Department’s operations.”

The furniture will be used throughout the Department including in its main offices and in fire stations. As the Department is in its fourth month of fire engine closures, or brownouts, this influx of good quality furniture will likely be among the only improvements seen at the stations.

“Every dollar we have is stretched very thin serving and protecting San Diegans. This donation from the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation and Cricket Wireless provides much-needed help to supplement our daily operations,” said San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief Javier Mainar. “Beyond the furniture itself, the donation shows our firefighters, lifeguards and other personnel that San Diegans support our efforts.”

The San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation welcomes public and corporate donations to further strengthen the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. To learn more or to donate, visit www.sdfirerescue.org.

“Our firefighters serve our community with great pride every day; our community can serve them by donating to the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation,” said Wendy Robinson, Executive Director of the Foundation.

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Started in 2006, the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity founded by former fire fighters and dedicated community leaders to help provide the unmet equipment and training needs of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. Their mission is to raise the funds necessary to obtain the essential equipment, technology and training required to keep the citizens of San Diego and their property safe from the ravages of fire, natural disasters, and unforeseen injury or illness. The Foundation is designed to accept donations, on behalf of the community, to provide direct support to the work of the Fire-Rescue Department.