

## Fire Training Programs Receive Needed Revamp Funds from Farmers Insurance **Farmers Insurance Joins Forces with the California Fire Safety Training Institute**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Farmers Insurance today announced the company has provided a \$75,000 grant to fund the revamp of an online training program for volunteer firefighters, as part of its long-term partnership with the California Fire Services Training Institute (FSTI).

The online training program known as Project Trinity debuted in 2008 as a result of FSTI's commitment to ensuring the safety of its firefighters. FSTI will use the grant to update its training syllabus, provide workshops, and offer a training portal with online courses for volunteer fire departments throughout California and Nevada.

"No one would think to deploy a soldier into combat without sending them through basic training," said former California State Fire Marshal and Chairman of the CSFA Volunteer Committee, Chief Ronny J. Coleman. "By the same token, we believe no fire fighter should be asked to respond without the proper training, tools and equipment to handle the job."

Project Trinity was designed to guide volunteer firefighters through the necessary courses and skill sets needed to master the art of firefighting. Courses are offered at no charge to volunteer firefighters throughout California and Nevada, to ensure their preparedness for potential events. As the growing need for firefighters continues, this grant from Farmers Insurance will allow FSTI to provide the essential training to additional volunteer firefighters in the region.

Farmers Insurance understands that proper training is at the heart of swift response and speedy recoveries for the victims of disasters.

"We have proudly supported the FSTI since 2008," said Doris Dunn, director of community giving for Farmers Insurance. "We know that these training courses will enable volunteer firefighters to respond more quickly and effectively, especially in wildfire-prone areas like California and Nevada."

### **About FSTI:**

The Fire Services Training Institute (FSTI) provides training to today's volunteer public safety community including non-profit, industrial and tribal fire agencies. The FSTI mission is to bring quality training to firefighters and to promote community safety.

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