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Local Firefighters Travel to Texas to Receive Specialized Training

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. – Four firefighters from the Rosemount, Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, and Hastings fire departments will receive special training this spring in Corpus Christi, Texas, through a scholarship program created by the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount. During the three-day training sessions, the firefighters will receive hands-on instruction in all aspects of industrial emergency response and will battle live pressurized petroleum fires. This is the 17th year Flint Hills has granted such scholarships to local firefighters.

Tyler Moyna from the Eagan Fire Department and Brian Brandt from the Inver Grove Heights Fire Department will train February 26-28. James Olinger from the Rosemount Fire Department and Matthew Yokiell from the Hastings Fire Department will train March 12-14. In addition to the training, Flint Hills is paying for all travel, lodging and meals for the four scholarship recipients.

“This scholarship program is important to us because it helps prepare firefighters in our area for types of fires that – though rare – require more specialized skills,” said Pete Herpst, deputy fire chief at Flint Hills Resources. “We want to help strengthen our local fire departments by allowing firefighters to gain experience through realistic simulations.”

The scholarship program is a part of the Pine Bend refinery’s long tradition of providing mutual aid assistance to the area’s first responder community. The Fire Departments in Rosemount, Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, and Hastings are all mutual aid partners of Flint Hills Resources. Firefighters from these departments have been using the refinery training grounds for free fire training for more than 22 years.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining, chemicals and biofuels company. Its subsidiaries market products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals, as well as base oils and asphalt. The refining business operates refineries in Alaska (North Pole), Minnesota (Rosemount), and Texas (Corpus Christi), with a combined crude oil processing capacity of more than 650,000 barrels per day. The petrochemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. The renewables business operates ethanol plants in Iowa, and a biodiesel plant in Texas, and has made equity investments in bioenergy companies. The asphalt business produces and markets products in the Midwest and Alaska. A subsidiary owns an interest in a lubricants base oil facility in Louisiana.

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend in Rosemount, Minn., has a crude oil processing capacity of about 320,000 barrels per day. Pine Bend employs about 900 people full-time; an additional 400-2,000 contractors work at the refinery daily on construction and maintenance projects. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.

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