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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 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 18th year Flint Hills has granted such scholarships to local firefighters.

Jamie Stevens from the Hastings Fire Department and Jon Kemp from the Eagan Fire Department will train February 11-13. Corey Rosendale from the Inver Grove Heights Fire Department and Bruce Sword from the Rosemount Fire Department will train March 25-27. In addition to the training, Flint Hills will pay 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 23 years.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining, biofuels and chemicals 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. Flint Hills Resources operates ethanol plants in Arthur, Fairbank, Iowa Falls, Menlo, and Shell Rock, Iowa; and Fairmont, Nebraska. The plants have a combined annual capacity of 650 million gallons of ethanol.

The refining business operates refineries in Alaska (North Pole), Minnesota (Rosemount), and Texas (Corpus Christi), with a combined crude oil processing capacity of nearly 670,000 barrels per day. The petrochemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. 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. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.

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