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Rosemount Fire Department names Flint Hills Resources 2018 Partner of the Year

Rosemount, Minn. – The Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery announced today that it is the recipient of the 2018 “Partner of the Year” award from the Rosemount Fire Department. This honor recognizes the refinery for its years of partnership and generosity with Rosemount and other Dakota County fire departments.

Flint Hills Resources maintains a fully functioning, two-house fire department at its Pine Bend refinery, and has a strong mutual aid partnership with Rosemount and other nearby fire departments to share services and make the area safer. In addition, the refinery has offered free industrial fire training to firefighters from Rosemount Fire Department and other local departments since 1991.

“Pine Bend refinery is a proud member of the Rosemount community, and it is a privilege to receive this award,” said Ed Steele, fire chief at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. “Volunteer fire departments like the one in Rosemount provide a tremendous service to their communities, and we appreciate everything they do to help keep people safe.”

As well as hosting free training, Flint Hills has provided valuable training equipment to Dakota County fire departments. Donations include a car fire simulator given earlier this year, and a kitchen fire prevention trailer given in 2014. Pine Bend’s fire department also participates in Rosemount’s Explorer program, which offers young people experience in the firefighting field and incorporates career opportunities, life skills, and leadership development.

“Flint Hills Resources has shown time and time again a commitment to fire safety and being a good neighbor, and we are proud to work closely with them,” said Jim Voelker, assistant fire chief at the Rosemount Fire Department. “This well-deserved award is our department’s way of thanking the refinery for its many years of partnership, and we look forward to many more to come.”

[Click here](#) to download a photo of the Rosemount Fire Department presenting the award to Flint Hills Resources. (L to R) Jim Voelker (Rosemount), Ed Steele (FHR), Eric Roberts, field safety manager (FHR), and Dan Moe, deputy fire chief (FHR).

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota's gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine Bend has a capacity of 339,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient, and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion on upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,000 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.

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