

Buckeye Fire Department and Blessings! For Seniors awarded NFPA scholarship

10/1/2009-- The Buckeye Fire Department and Blessings! For Seniors Companion Care have been awarded scholarships to participate in a training conference dedicated to *Remembering When*[™]: *A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults*, developed by the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA. The awarded scholarships provide for travel expenses for two participants, *Remembering When* curriculum materials and all training.

The conference will be held November 15 – 17, 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts. NFPA has selected two-member teams from 32 communities across North America to participate. Teams are comprised of one fire department member partnered with an individual from an agency within the community that serves older adults through home visits, such as visiting nurses associations, home health care agencies, and places of worship.

“Adults 65 years and older are more than twice as likely to be killed in a home fire compared to the population at large, and falls are the leading cause of death from injuries in this group,” said Sharon Gamache, NFPA’s Director of High-Risk Outreach Programs, “This training offers strategies that participants can bring back to share with their communities to help prevent fires and falls among older adults that live there.”

Christin Yates of Buckeye Fire Department and Steve Kramer of Blessings! For Seniors Companion Care will travel to Boston for the workshop. Following the workshop, Buckeye Fire Department will conduct a minimum of five group presentations and at least two train-the-trainer sessions for Blessings! For Seniors Companion Care. Blessings! For Seniors will integrate materials from the *Remembering When* program into its outreach through home visits.

NFPA’s s committed to helping communities reduce fire and fall injuries and deaths among older adults. The *Remembering When* program has been implemented in communities throughout North American since 1999, reaching thousands of older adults. For more information about *Remembering When*, visit www.nfpa.org/rememberingwhen.

About the Buckeye Fire Department:

The Buckeye Fire Department provides fire protection and advanced life support care for the Town of Buckeye. The Fire Department is a full time (career) organization serving the community from six fire stations with approximately 87 staff positions. Their Public Education mission is "To provide the best possible service through quality educational programs and events designed to benefit the community by creating a safer future for everyone." The Fire Departments Public Education attends numerous events within the community, and offers fire safety education to ten elementary schools, and three high schools.

About Blessings! For Seniors Companion Care:

We are located in Goodyear and have served the West Valley for four years. Our mission is to be a Blessing! in the lives of the elderly and their families, helping them to remain living in their own homes longer, safer and with a better quality of life.

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