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iWomen Receives Scott Safety Foundation Grant

Grant to Support Services, Assist in Recruitment of New and Existing Female Firefighters

Fairfax, VA (April 7, 2014) – The International Association of Women In Fire & Emergency Services (iWomen), providing a proactive network that supports, mentors and educates current and future women in the fire service, today announced it received \$10,000 from the [Scott Foundation](#). The Foundation provides contributions to worthy organizations across the country to help give needed support to firefighters and the communities they serve. Through the grant, iWomen will develop and distribute a national Fire Camp Toolkit and update their website's outreach services.

“This grant will ensure that fire departments have the tools they need to coordinate and host Fire Camps to successfully recruit women from their communities into the fire service. The funding from Scott Safety came at a very important time as we are seeing the retirement of many women in the fire service without new women coming on board to take their place. iWomen would like to thank Scott Safety for their support towards these critical issues we are facing. Together we can lay a pathway for a more inclusive and diverse fire service,” stated Laura Baker, President of iWomen and Deputy Chief at Tucson Fire Department, Tucson, Arizona.

The development of a Fire Camp toolkit will help fire departments increase awareness and recruit young women to the fire service. It is widely accepted within the fire service community that the richest source of potential volunteers is young people. Once they are favorably exposed to the challenges, opportunities and fulfillment of this kind of community service, they frequently remain committed for a lifetime.

“Scott Safety is committed to fostering a culture of inclusion within our own company, and this culture is part of what makes us an industry leader in the safety industry,” stated Jeff Emery, Scott Safety Director of Global Marketing. “We are proud to support great organizations like iWomen who help drive that same culture of inclusion within the fire services.”

As one of the leading suppliers of safety equipment to firefighters in this country, Scott Safety has a strong sense of obligation to give back to the industries and communities they serve.

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About iWomen

The International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services (iWomen), a 501(c)(3) corporation, is the leading nation-wide professional association dedicated to expanding the number of women in fire careers, empowering women firefighters to advance professionally and personally, and prompting the fire industry to be better employers for women. Our 650 members include virtually all of the nation's women fire chiefs, the majority of mid-level women fire managers, and hundreds of younger women with leadership potential. iWomen is dedicated to improving the fire service through the involvement and success of women. We value excellence in leadership. More information may be found on our website: www.i-women.org.

About Scott Safety

Scott Safety, based in Monroe, NC, is a premier manufacturer of innovative respiratory and personal protective equipment and safety devices for emergency services and first-responders including firefighters, industrial workers, law enforcement, military, civil defense, national security and rescue teams around the world. With five global manufacturing locations, Scott products protect thousands of individuals each day from environmental hazards that are inherent in the industries which they serve. The Scott product line includes self-contained breathing apparatus, supplied air and air-purifying respirators, gas detection instruments, thermal imaging cameras, and firefighter locators.

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