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IAFC Foundation Receives Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant

Grant to support safety education and training programs

Fairfax, VA – March 20, 2014 – The IAFC Foundation, providing first responders with the educational opportunities they need to lead the fire service and serve and protect our citizens, today announced it has received $61,630 as part of the Motorola Solutions Foundation’s Public Safety and Security Institute. The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions, Inc. Through the grant, the IAFC Foundation will expand the reach and participation in the Future Leaders Scholarship Programs and the International Association of Fire Chiefs’ Officer Development Program (ODP) including Company Officer Leadership Symposia (COLS), Chief Officer Leadership Symposia (CHIEF), and Executive Chief Officer Leadership Symposia (ECO).

The Motorola Solutions Foundation Grants support safety education and training programs for first responders, their families and the general public in the United States and Canada.

“This grant ensures that first responders have the tools they need to successfully serve and protect our communities. The IAFC Foundation scholarship awards are important now more than ever as many departments have been forced to cut continuing education and tuition reimbursements from their operating budget. The Foundation is proud to be able to give back to the fire service and our local communities by financially supporting the future fire service leaders as they work to become well versed in the areas of human resources, finance and budgeting, strategic planning, leadership and management,” stated Anthony P. Campisi, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation and President/CEO of Glatfelter Insurance Group.

This grant will enable the Foundation to establish and partner with the IAFC to deliver regional officer development training programs that will allow hundreds to participate in the symposia. The Foundation is pleased to partner with the Henrico County Division of Fire and the Sandy Springs Fire Rescue Department to hold ODP courses in Central Virginia and the Greater Atlanta area respectively. The IAFC’s ODP-COLS is the first of its kind providing leadership courses specifically created for developing fire and emergency medical leaders. The IAFC affirms professional development is the planned, progressive, life-long process of education, learning, self-development, and experience,
and is committed to the individual’s development as a fire and emergency services leader through its officer development programs.

Additionally, the grant will contribute to the expansion of the Foundation’s Future Leaders program by awarding eight scholarships for first responders to continue their educational pursuits.

“Motorola Solutions is dedicated to helping people be their best in the moments that matter,” said Matt Blakely, director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. “The Motorola Solutions Foundation aligns itself with this mission by supporting programs like the IAFC Foundation that train people how to respond to potential safety problems or recover from the loss of a first responder. We are proud to see these valuable programs make a positive impact in the communities where we live and work.”

Through the Public Safety and Security Institute, the Motorola Solutions Foundation serves as an investor, convener and supporter of issues that affect the public safety of communities worldwide, providing leadership to drive innovation and grow and engage the network of those interested in these issues.

The Motorola Solutions Foundation provides grants around the world with an emphasis on programming in communities where Motorola Solutions has a significant presence. For 85 years, Motorola has worked side-by-side with law enforcement to develop the solutions that support its mission. Since 2007, the foundation has provided over $25 million in grants to public safety organizations in the U.S and Canada.

About IAFC Foundation
The IAFC Foundation provides scholarships that make it possible for fire and EMS first responders to access the advanced learning opportunities they need in order to be prepared for the increasing complex realities of the world today. For more information on Foundation giving and scholarship applications, visit www.iafc.org.

About Motorola Solutions Foundation
The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions. With employees located around the globe, Motorola Solutions seeks to give back to the communities where it operates. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee giving and education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming. For more information on Motorola Solutions corporate and foundation giving, visit http://responsibility.motorolasolutions.com/

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