



News Release

Whistle-Stop Tour Ends Journey; Reaches Many

Ladson, SC (May 16, 2007) -- The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's (NFFF) Whistle-Stop Tour ended its 37-day nationwide tour in Boston May 12th, but not before touching the hearts of people across the nation.

The caravan, led by the Whistle-Stop Tour bus, was accompanied by an American LaFrance Eagle mid-engine pumper all the way from California to Massachusetts. Addressing the message, "Everyone Goes Home," the 20-stop journey used major cities as rally points to address firefighting safety and ongoing fire prevention initiatives. The Everyone Goes Home™ program featured the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives which provided real-world solutions to fire service issues involving preventable line-of-duty deaths.

At the Hartford, CT stop, one of our own employees, Jim Lyons of American LaFrance of Southern New England, served as the keynote speaker. Lyons lost his father, a fire commissioner in Brookhaven, NY, fifteen years ago in the line of duty. Approximately 130 people gathered to hear the program, including two of Lyon's father's former coworkers, Lt. Brian Lamonica & past Chief Jim Vaz of Brookhaven New York Fire Department.

American LaFrance is the proud flagship sponsor of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF). The company supports the NFFF in its mission to honor fallen firefighters and the survivors -- the families, friends and coworkers of those lost. For more information, visit www.firehero.org

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About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation:

Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) to lead a nationwide effort to honor America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the non-profit foundation has developed and expanded programs that fulfill that mandate. The NFFF's mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes and to provide resources to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives.

About American LaFrance:

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