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Colonial Heights Fire and EMS to Bolster Fire Prevention Efforts with FM Global Grant

Colonial Heights Fire and EMS has received a \$850 dollar fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers. FM Global representatives will be presenting the award on June 14, 2011 at 1:00PM at Fire Administration, 100-B Highland Ave. The award will be used to purchase a new digital camera to help fire investigators more efficiently investigate and document the cause of a fire. Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past 35 years FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service organizations around the globe. Locally, the company has awarded grants to a number of Virginia based organizations. "At FM Global, we strongly believe the majority of property damage is preventable, not inevitable," said Michael Spaziani, manager of the fire prevention grant program. "Far too often, inadequate budgets prevent those organizations working to prevent fire from being as proactive as they would like to be. With additional financial support, grant recipients are actively helping to improve property risk in the communities they serve." Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program, FM Global awards grants quarterly to fire departments—as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations worldwide—that best demonstrate a need for funding, where dollars can have the most demonstrable impact on preventing fire, or mitigating the damage it can quickly cause.