



Depew Fire Department donates gear to Latin Americans

In recognition of the needs of volunteer firefighters in Latin America and as part of a statewide campaign to collect outdated fire gear to donate where it can continue to serve, Chief Gary Cummings of the Depew Fire Department is donating several dozen sets of turnout gear to the 911 Fund.

Created in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York City and the Pentagon, the 911 Fund was conceived by former members of the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), many of whom watched 343 of their fellow firefighters perish while trying to save those trapped in the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.

Since the attacks, the 911 Fund has worked to collect and donate outdated fire trucks, ambulances and related equipment, along with appropriate training, as part of a continuing effort to build preparedness, reduce risk, enhance civilian safety and minimize property loss from fire and other types of disasters. The gear being donated by Depew

- firefighter coats, pants, boots and helmets

- is being given to rural fire departments

in Latin America

where it may mean the difference between life and death for volunteer firefighters and the civilian population who they protect, Cummings said.

More information about the Depew Fire Department may be obtained by contacting Cummings at 432-1026 or gcummings@depewfire.org. More information about the 911 Fund may be found at www.911fund.org.

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