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**DATE: 11/12/2010**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Fire Awarded NFPA Scholarship**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE :11/14/2010**

**INCIDENT TIME:**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: Boston, MA**

**SUBJECT: Duluth Fire Awarded NFPA Grant**

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Duluth FIRE DEPARTMENT and Gentiva Home Health have been awarded scholarships to participate in a training conference dedicated to *Remembering When™: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults*, developed by the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA. The awarded scholarships provide for travel expenses for two participants, *Remembering When* curriculum materials and all training.

The conference will be held November 14-16, in Boston, Massachusetts. NFPA has selected two-member teams from 41 communities across the country to participate. Teams are comprised of one fire department member partnered with an individual from an agency within the community that serves older adults through home visits, such as visiting nurses associations, home health care agencies, and places of worship.

“Adults 65 years and older are more than twice as likely to be killed in a home fire compared to the population at large, and falls are the leading cause of death from injuries in this group,” said Sharon Gamache, NFPA’s Director of High-Risk Outreach Programs, “This training offers strategies that participants can bring back to share with their communities to help prevent fires and falls among older adults that live there.”

Marnie Grondahl of Duluth FIRE DEPARTMENT and a representative of Gentiva, Ryan Sharrow OF Gentiva will travel to Boston for the workshop. Following the workshop, Duluth Fire DEPARTMENT will conduct a minimum of five group presentations and at least two train-the-trainer sessions for Gentiva . Gentiva will integrate materials from the *Remembering When* program into its outreach through home visits.

NFPA’s s committed to helping communities reduce fire and fall injuries and deaths among older adults. The *Remembering When* program has been implemented in communities throughout North American since 1999, reaching thousands of older adults. For more information about *Remembering When*, visit