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Prater Fire & Rescue Receives New Turnout Gear & Helmets Through MSA and DuPont's Globe Gear Giveaway

Gear and helmets donated through a partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council



Prater Fire & Rescue recently received much-needed new personal protective equipment through MSA and DuPont's Globe Gear Giveaway, in partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). Four sets of state-of-the-art turnout gear and four new helmets were delivered on 04/22/25 by Globe's distributor, The Fire Store. This new gear will help ensure responders are safe and protected while they protect their community.

Prater Fire & Rescue Department is pleased to announce the acquisition of four new sets of state-of-the-art firefighting gear, provided through a generous grant. This upgrade is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and effectiveness of our team as we serve the community.

The new gear includes advanced protective clothing and helmets, designed to enhance protection and comfort for our firefighters. This equipment replaces older gear that no longer meets modern safety standards, identified through a comprehensive review of our current needs and the demands of our emergency response duties.

With this new gear, our firefighters will be better equipped to handle a wide range of emergencies, from structural fires to hazardous material incidents. The improved protection and functionality will enhance

both the safety and efficiency of our personnel, underscoring our dedication to providing the highest level of service to the Prater area and surrounding communities.

“Our volunteers selflessly devote their time to protect our community,” said Chief Jeff Fuller. “They deserve well-made and compliant gear that will help keep them safe as they respond to dangerous incidents. While a lack of funding has made it difficult to maintain this goal, MSA and DuPont’s Globe Gear Giveaway with the NVFC made it possible.”

Too many volunteer fire departments are familiar with having to make do with an inadequate amount of turnouts or with worn-out, non-compliant gear they can’t afford to replace. Looking to change that, MSA and DuPont with the NVFC partnered in 2012 to provide free turnout gear to volunteer fire departments across the U.S. and Canada each year. To date, 663 sets of gear have been donated to 147 departments.

Helmets were added to the giveaway in 2019 when MSA found that 50 percent of program recipients did not have enough for their members. Since the program began, over \$1 million worth of gear has been provided to enhance the protection of volunteer firefighters.

Learn more about the program at www.nvfc.org/gear.

About Globe Manufacturing Company and MSA Safety

Globe Manufacturing Company, a leader in fire service protective clothing, is a subsidiary of MSA Safety Incorporated. Established in 1914, MSA Safety Incorporated is the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products and software that protect people and facility infrastructures. Many MSA products integrate a combination of electronics, software, mechanical systems and advanced materials to protect users against hazardous or life-threatening situations. The Company's comprehensive product line is used by workers around the world in a broad range of markets, including fire service, the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, construction, industrial manufacturing applications, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, utilities, mining and the military. MSA's core products include self-contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, portable gas detection instruments, industrial head protection products, firefighter helmets and protective apparel, and fall protection devices. With 2022 revenues of \$1.5 billion, MSA employs approximately 5,000 people worldwide. The Company is headquartered north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., and has manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. With more than 40 international locations, MSA realizes approximately half of its revenue from outside North America. For more information visit MSA's web site at www.msasafety.com.

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