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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Allianz Heritage Grant Secures Equipment for Saint Paul Fire Department**

**Minneapolis – Oct. 28, 2009** – Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America ([Allianz](#)) today announced a \$16,240 donation to the Saint Paul Fire Department. The grant is part of the employee-directed Bucket Brigade grant through the Allianz Heritage<sup>SM</sup> Program.

Allianz will present the official check to Fire Chief Tim Butler on November 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the new Station 8 building across the street from SPFD Headquarters located at 100 East 11th Street in Saint Paul. The fire department will use the grant to purchase high visibility Emergency Medical Services (EMS) jackets to be worn by their 137 paramedics.

Allianz employee Pam Smith nominated the department on behalf of her husband, Jim Smith, Assistant Chief of Operations for the Saint Paul Fire Department. Eric Thomes, senior vice president of Sales for Allianz Life, will join Pam and other Allianz employees to commemorate the event.

The Allianz Bucket Brigade is an employee-driven program to support the fire service. Allianz employees across America can support their own communities by nominating a fire department for grants, and by performing volunteer work. Each quarter, employees submit nominations to a special committee, which reviews each nomination and then selects which organizations will receive a grant. The company is making \$50,000 available each quarter for Bucket Brigade grants.

#### **About Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America**

Founded in 1896 and based in Minneapolis, Allianz provides fixed and variable annuities, life insurance policies, and long term care insurance products in the United States. Allianz products are offered through a nationwide network of independent distribution. The company is part of Allianz SE, a global financial services organization that is the 20th largest company in the world based on revenue. Allianz SE employs nearly 155,000 people worldwide.

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