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Press Release

Grinnell Fire Department Receives \$16,500 from Monsanto Fund to Help Fund Training Supplies for the New Public Safety Building

Grinnell, IA September 5th, 2008: The Grinnell Fire Department today announced it has received \$16,500 from the Monsanto Fund, a private foundation and the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, to help fund training supplies for the new Public Safety Building. This program will provide new state of the art training software, up to date training manuals and supplies for the Volunteers to construct a search and rescue maze in the new building.

“The Grinnell Fire Department is pleased to team up with the Monsanto Fund to address the needs of our community,” said Daniel Sicard, Grinnell Fire Chief. “This grant will allow us to support our Volunteer Firefighters with the best, most up to date, training available.”

The Grinnell Fire Department protects approximately 150 square miles covering the City of Grinnell and portions of both Poweshiek and Jasper Counties. The Department is made up of 5 full-time firefighters and 28 volunteers. Last year they responded to 470 calls for service.

“As Monsanto continues to grow and expand its facilities in the Grinnell area, we are proud to be a part of the continued growth of the City of Grinnell and the surrounding area. Safety awareness at home and in the community are as important to Monsanto’s employees as safety awareness on the job. I feel a modern state-of-the-art public safety building is key

to a successful community safety awareness program. ”, said Al Henderson, Plant Manager of Monsanto.

The Monsanto Fund is the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company. Incorporated in 1964, the Fund’s primary objective is to improve the lives of people by bridging the gap between their needs and their resources. The Monsanto Fund is focused on grant-making in four main areas: nutritional well-being through agriculture; science education, primarily on professional development for teachers; the environment, which includes conservation, protection of biodiversity, clean water and restoration of wildlife habitat; and improving the quality of life in communities where Monsanto employees live and work.

Visit the Monsanto Fund at <http://www.monsantofund.org/asp/welcome.asp> or the Grinnell Fire Department at <http://www.grinnellfd.com>

