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Koch Nitrogen Company Announces Challenge Grant for Purchase of Equipment to Aid Fort Dodge Fire Department

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Koch Nitrogen Company has announced a challenge grant to purchase cleaning equipment for the Fort Dodge Fire Department. The announcement was made jointly by Delmar Reppond, Koch Nitrogen's Fort Dodge plant manager, and Fort Dodge Fire Chief, John Webster. The challenge grant totals \$10,600 with \$5,000 provided by Koch Nitrogen if the remaining \$5,600 is raised by the City of Fort Dodge in funds or pledges no later than July 1, 2007.

The grant will enable the Fire Department to purchase a washer/extractor and a dryer to clean protective gear. According to Webster, the National Fire Protection Association requires that protective gear be cleaned at least twice a year. "Due to the fact that we don't have the proper cleaning equipment, we are forced to use an old style wringer washer," Webster says.

"Unfortunately, this method only removes one-third of the carcinogens which makes for a very dangerous and hazardous situation. Our number one priority is the safety of our firemen, and this new extractor/dryer unit will help our cause immensely."

Koch Nitrogen's Reppond says the challenge grant is one way the company can show support for the Fire Department and be a good neighbor. "Koch Nitrogen places great value on environmental health and safety. We appreciate the dedication and outstanding work of our Fire Department and hope this challenge grant gets the campaign off to a fast start." If you are interested in learning more about the challenge grant or want to donate funds, call John Webster at (515) 576-1031.

Koch Nitrogen Company and its affiliates manufacture, market and distribute more than 6 million metric tons of fertilizer annually. Combined, these companies operate four fertilizer plants producing anhydrous ammonia, urea and UAN, and 18 terminals in the United States, and have interests and off-take responsibilities for nitrogen plants in Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago.

Koch Nitrogen Company is an indirect subsidiary of privately held Koch Industries, Inc. (www.kochind.com), which owns a diverse group of companies involved in refining and chemicals, process equipment and technologies, fibers and polymers, commodity and financial trading, and forest and consumer products.

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