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Koch Nitrogen Co. Announces Challenge Grant To Purchase Fire Department Equipment in Enid

ENID, Okla.-The City of Enid is pleased to announce that Koch Nitrogen Company, LLC will contribute a challenge grant of \$4,500 to purchase rescue equipment for the Enid Fire Department, contingent on the city raising an additional \$8,500 to complete needed purchases. The new equipment will be used by emergency crews to battle fire and rescue people trapped in structures or vehicles.

"We commend Koch Nitrogen Company for stepping forward to kick off this fundraising effort," said Enid Fire Chief Philip Clover. "We hope other companies, groups and individuals in Enid will be inspired to donate to this effort as well. This support will allow our department to provide enhanced emergency rescue services to everyone in our community."

The estimated project costs total \$13,020 to purchase:

- ➤ One combination spreader/shears with mounts, which works like a pair of scissors large enough to remove vehicle rooftops, doors, carpentry or debris that may trap accident victims. **Cost:** \$8,300
- Confined space cutter valve/case, to help free accident victims trapped in confined spaces. **Cost: \$3,650.**
- Two extension hoses to allow emergency crews to respond to emergencies quickly and from a safe vantage point. Cost: \$1,070.

Koch Nitrogen's challenge grant is contingent upon the Enid Fire Department raising the additional \$8,500 by July 1, 2010. Ken Dayton, Koch Nitrogen's plant manager in Enid, expressed optimism that the community will join to support this worthy cause.

"We look forward to partnering with the Enid Fire Department to promote this initiative," Dayton said. "Safety is a top priority at Koch Nitrogen, and we are happy to help the Fire Department keep our community safe. I am hopeful that other local businesses and citizens will see value in participating as well to make this fundraising effort a success."