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High-Rise Fire Training Goes to the Next Level

SimplexGrinnell Donation Takes the 'High Rise' Out of High-Rise Training

San Diego —February 23, 2011— Training to fight high-rise fires in San Diego just got a lot easier, thanks to SimplexGrinnell's donation of fully functional, mobile Simplex® fire alarm and smoke control panels to the Fire-Rescue Department.

High-rise buildings (those over 75 feet high) all have a "fire control room" on the first floor. That room has an alarm panel and smoke control panel, along with elevator controls and other equipment. These allow firefighters to know where in the building the alarm was sounded before climbing even one stair.

The advanced control panels from SimplexGrinnell are portable, so trainers can bring them to a fire station anywhere in the city and simulate a high-rise emergency. Firefighters will not only be able to practice reading and operating the panels, but also learn how best to respond to the emergency.

"This is a big step forward in our high-rise fire training program," San Diego Fire Chief Javier Mainar said. "These panels are exactly what a firefighter would encounter when arriving at a high-rise fire. We're grateful to SimplexGrinnell for seeing a need and stepping forward to fill it. The donation of technical expertise, materials and labor will enable firefighters and command staff from throughout the San Diego region to better serve the public."

In addition to providing the fire protection equipment, SimplexGrinnell has offered free classroom training at its regional facility in San Diego. SimplexGrinnell is also in the process of donating a mobile fire sprinkler standpipe prop to further support the high-rise training program.

"As a longtime leader in life safety and property protection, SimplexGrinnell is committed to supporting the communities we serve and the fire protection industry as a whole," said James Kishish, District General Manager in the company's San Diego district office. "We are proud to work hand in hand with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department in a collaborative effort to improve firefighter training and promote the fire service mission of protecting life and property."

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