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Webster Groves Fire Department Donates Gear to Ukraine

(Webster Groves, Mo.) - As fighting continues in Ukraine, the Webster Groves Fire Department is lending a hand – through a donation of gear.

The International Disaster Medical Collaborative (IDMC) has partnered with several global organizations in providing gear and medical support to those impacted by the events in Ukraine. The IDMC is working with Help Razom as a logistics partner. Help Razom is a volunteer non-profit organization founded in Chicago to raise money and deliver humanitarian and medical aids to the Ukraine.

After receiving the request for reasonably expired gear for firefighters in Ukraine, the Webster Groves Fire Department inventoried gear and was able to select several sets of gear eligible to donate to the Ukrainian firefighters. Turnout gear is meant to be retired 10 years after the date of manufacture. This includes helmets, gloves, coats, pants, hoods, and boots, even if items were never used and simply left in storage or reserve. The term “reasonably expired” means that the gear is beyond that date but is still in useable condition and that gear is often donated to other countries or U.S. fire departments that do not have the financial resources to purchase new gear.

“The fire service is united around the world, bound by an oath to serve, protect, and sacrifice for our communities regardless of the event,” said Dr. Brett Ellis, Webster Groves Fire Chief. “Our hope from Webster Groves is that the brave men and women across an ocean feel supported from afar with this small donation of turnout gear which can make a huge impact for their safety and the safety of the people they serve.”

The Webster Groves Fire Department is donating: 7 hoods, 4 sets of gloves, 15 pants, 11 coats and 8 sets of boots.

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