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## **New Company Introduces Cutting-Edge Fire and Rescue Gear Service**

***Rochester-based company debuts critical gear inspection, cleaning, and repair service.***

CHURCHVILLE, N.Y., September 8, 2008 – Churchville Fire Equipment Corporation has been meeting the sales, maintenance, testing and repair needs of fire and rescue organizations in Western New York and Pennsylvania for over fifty years. Today, they are proud to unveil a new company in Rochester, NY specializing in the inspection, cleaning and repair of protective clothing, also known as turnout gear, worn by fire and rescue personnel.

***Turnout Express*** will offer its service from a dedicated facility with state-of-the-art technologies. Technicians are certified to inspect and maintain a wide range of original equipment manufacturers' gear in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) guidelines.

"The safety of fire and rescue personnel is the absolute number one factor in maintaining prompt and effective responses to accidents, fires and other crises. We saw a need in the Western New York region for a locally based business that can exhibit fast turnaround times and certified services to the area's fire and safety organizations. Turnout Express will surely become the number one choice for keeping our emergency responders' turnout gear safe and functioning at it's maximum during life and death situations", said Gary Sparks, Turnout Express.

Turnout Express will help fire departments maintain compliance with NFPA 1851, the standard for the selection, care and maintenance of protective gear used in structural and proximity fire fighting operations. The company will offer annual inspections required by NFPA to ensure that all firefighting garments meet the rigorous standards the industry must adhere to. For the day-to-day upkeep of fire rescue clothing, Turnout Express is fully equipped to fix tears, rips, seams and edges as well as provide alterations that ensure the top performance of the equipment.

As harmful debris accumulates on rescue gear during hazardous operations, it is critical to maintain properly cleaned equipment for all service personnel. Turnout Express operates an Esporta Wash System to safely and effectively launder gear without deteriorating fabric or causing harmful side effects such as reduced thermal protection or faded reflective safety trim. A custom-designed drying room ensures that fabrics remain intact within a humidity-controlled environment.

“The NFPA has drafted many guidelines on the basic and advanced cleaning, maintenance and repair of garments and gear. All of our equipment utilizes most advanced technologies to help organizations surpass regulatory guidelines. We understand the need for quick service to life-saving personnel, therefore our business operates on-demand when duty calls”, emphasizes Sparks.

Initially, Turnout Express will offer its services to the Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania regions.

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### **About Turnout Express**

Turnout Express offers advanced personal protective equipment inspection, cleaning and repair services to fire and rescue organizations. The company will service all makes and models of PPE including clothing, boots, helmets, thermal liners, moisture barriers, gloves and hoods. Advanced cleaning, repair and customized alteration services are available to the entire serviced region. Turnout Express LLC is employee-owned and backed by over fifty years of industry experience.