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NBFAA Establishes Scholarship Program for Children of Fallen 9/11 Heroes

Silver Spring, MD. The National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA) announced today the creation of a permanent memorial to the police, fire, and Port Authority officials who gave their lives in an effort to save others during the horrific events of 9/11. The permanent memorial will take the form of a scholarship fund dedicated for children of the police and fire fighters who perished in the tragic events. The scholarship fund is an expansion of NBFAA's established and long running scholarship program for children of police and fire fighters.

NBFAA President Bart Didden stated, "Within hours of the tragedy our staff began to receive calls asking how members could help and suggesting that NBFAA dedicate its resources to reinforce our support of the dedicated public servants who in their work to save lives sometimes give their own. The expansion of our successful scholarship program is a natural way to show our support not only to the surviving family members of the heroes of the trade center tragedy but it reinforces our support of the police and fire fighters who risk their lives on our behalf each and every day."

"Our goal is to create a dedicated fund that will enable us to fund ongoing scholarships that will be available as the many surviving sons and daughters come of age. The fund will enable us to continue giving to the families of the fallen police and fire fighters for years to come." Didden continued, "We are asking each of our over 3,000 members nationwide to not only contribute to the effort directly but solicit the contributions of our thousands of employees and tens of thousands of customers. We have arranged for contributions to be received directly through NBFAA or to be made through our tax exempt foundation the Alarm Industry Research & Educational Foundation (AIREF)."

Please send your tax-deductible contributions to NBFAA/AIREF Heroes Scholarship Fund, 8380 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For more information on how you, your company or your organization can contribute to the fund, contact 301-585-1855 and ask to speak to someone about the Heroes Scholarship Fund. Visit the NBFAA Web site at www.alarm.org for more information on how to contribute.

To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants must have a parent or legal guardian who is a police or fire official who perished in the line of duty at the World Trade Center Disaster. He or she must be a graduating senior at least 15 years old and no older than 20 and accepted for admission to an accredited college or university the following year.



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The NBFAA/Security Dealer Youth Scholarship program began in 1996 with the intent of strengthening the relationship between electronic systems professionals and police and fire officials by providing their sons and daughters with money for college. It continues to grow as more state associations participate in the program, which awards scholarships each spring on both the state and national levels.

NBFAA is the nation's oldest and largest organization representing the electronic systems industry. Founded in 1948 and celebrating its fifty-second year, the association represents more than 3,200 member companies in all fifty states and four U.S. territories, through a network of 42 State Associations.

The Alarm Industry Research & Educational Foundation (AIREF) is a tax exempt foundation that functions under the supervision of the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association, to receive, invest and reinvest money exclusively for the charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including, but not limited to promoting and funding research and granting scholarships to determine ways to reduce false alarms and determine ways to make homes, offices and other buildings safer from intruders and fires and disseminating such information to the public.