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Illinois American Water Distributes Grant to Plainfield Fire Protection District (Photo Included)

Woodridge, IL. (December 20, 2017) – The Plainfield Fire Protection District will be purchasing a HazSim Pro radiation and multi gas training monitor to assist firefighters with training scenarios thanks to a grant from Illinois American Water (IAW).

The IAW 2017 Firefighter Grant Program provides financial assistance to fire and emergency organizations serving communities in its service areas. This year, approximately \$75,000 will be awarded to 78 Illinois fire departments. Since the program was created in 2010, over 425 grants totaling over \$417,000 has been awarded.

“We are proud to partner with our local firefighters. Illinois American Water tests and operates every fire hydrant annually. We also maintain all of the hydrants, over 29,000 across the state, in our service areas. We know the critical role water plays in protecting homes and businesses and we also know resources for our local heroes often runs short. Through this grant program, we are able to partner on another level and further support our local heroes,” said Bruce Hauk, Illinois American Water President.

Illinois American Water’s Firefighter Grant Program awards grants to provide personal protective gear, communications equipment, firefighting tools, water handling equipment, training materials and classroom programs.

Fire Chief David Riddle thanked Illinois American Water during the check presentation. “The Board of Trustees and the members of the Plainfield Fire Protection District would like to express our sincere thanks to Illinois American Water for their generous grant program and for awarding grant funding to our Fire District,” stated Riddle.

Caption for the Photo: (Left to Right) Deputy Chief, Jon Stratton; Illinois American Water employee Tom Harrell; Fire Chief, David Riddle; Assistant Chief, Mark Reynolds; and IAW employee Natalee Cedillo.

About Illinois American Water – Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. The company employs 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.