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**FORT DODGE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF  
KOCH NITROGEN CHALLENGE GRANT**

**Over \$14,700 Raised in Community-Wide Effort to Help Fire Department Receive Equipment**

*Fort Dodge, Iowa* – Terms of a Koch Nitrogen Company challenge grant announced in October 2006 to benefit the Fort Dodge Fire Department have been successfully met. The announcement was made by John Webster, Fort Dodge Fire Department chief, and Mike Kleis, plant manager for Koch Nitrogen Company.

Funds raised totaled more than \$14,700, exceeding the original \$10,600 goal set for the challenge grant. Koch Nitrogen Company donated \$5,000, with the remaining money raised through community donations. Funds will be used to purchase special cleaning equipment for the fire department's protective gear including a washer/extractor, dryer and additional supplies such as detergent.

“We want to personally thank Koch Nitrogen Company for being such an excellent, community-minded company and giving us the opportunity to participate in the challenge grant,” said Webster. “This campaign has been the focus of many fundraisers and media stories and we extend our gratitude to the citizens of Fort Dodge and the surrounding communities for all their support.”

Fundraising culminated this summer with a radiothon that put the campaign over the top. Koch Nitrogen's Kleis said community support was impressive. “It was great to watch the enthusiasm build for such an important cause. Koch Nitrogen places high value on environmental health and safety and this challenge grant was just one way to show our appreciation for emergency responders who put their lives on the line for all of us,” Kleis stated. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Koch Nitrogen and its affiliates produce, distribute and globally market nitrogen fertilizers, including anhydrous ammonia, urea, nitric acid, UAN solutions, ammonium nitrate solution, ammonium polyphosphate and ammonium thiosulfate. The companies' fertilizer interests have the capability of producing about 7.5 million metric tons of nitrogen products annually. Koch Nitrogen is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of privately held Koch Industries, Inc. ([www.kochind.com](http://www.kochind.com)), based in Wichita, Kan.