



## STATE FIREMEN'S & FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

### **SFFMA Announces Availability of Pooled Investment Alternative**

*New service allows volunteer departments and districts to earn competitive yields on excess reserves*

**Austin, TX (August 27, 2007)** The State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the leading fire service association in the state, announced today the SFFMA Texas Fire Investment Pool (TFIP) - a pooled investment program designed to improve access for volunteer fire departments to competitive yields on excess building and equipment reserve funds. The TFIP is offered in partnership with Government Capital Corporation and First Community Bank The Woodlands, who will serve as the program administrator.

The Texas Fire Investment Pool offers safety, security and easy access to funds via on-line access. All deposits up to \$100,000 are FDIC insured, with balances exceeding \$100,000 being secured with eligible securities. In addition, with the low minimum opening balance requirement, combined with the earning power of jumbo depositors, it offers member departments many of the benefits which are typically available only to governmental agencies.

"For many departments that are setting aside funds for capital improvements or equipment, having easy access to competitive yields is important. This new program will provide departments the professional assistance and competitive returns they need to make every dollar count," stated Mr. Chris Barron, SFFMA Executive Director. "In addition, all Association members will benefit in that this program will contribute to the SFFMA Fire Programs Institute / J.C. Swadley Jr. Fund."

For more information about the Texas Fire Investment Pool, please visit [www.texasfirefund.com](http://www.texasfirefund.com)

**About SFFMA** The SFFMA is the ninth largest trade association in Texas. The 130 year old organization is the oldest and the largest fire service association in the state. Membership includes 1100 fire departments, 17,000 individual members, and over 80 industrial fire brigades. The cornerstone of the organization is the Certification Program for volunteer firefighters, which encourages training, education and certification for all volunteers. The SFFMA supports and sponsors the world's largest fire training school, held each summer at Texas A&M University, providing instructors, scholarships to members, and professional service on the Fire School's Advisory Board