



News release

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**Extrication equipment donated to Gateway
Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services programs benefit**

BURLINGTON – Gateway Technical College received donated equipment this week that will aid student learning in the Fire Protection Technician, Fire Certification classes, fire department continuing education/training, and the Paramedic Technician and EMT programs.

TNT Rescue Systems Inc., Ashippun, Wis., and its dealer, Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC, Belleville, Wis., donated a set of rescue and extrication tools, valued at \$20,000, designed for use at accident scenes. Twenty-four hours of extrication training, using equipment, is required within the Firefighter II certification training and the 12-hour refresher courses. Gateway provides training for certification and the refresher courses.

The tools offer students the ability to practice using the latest technology. “As vehicle manufacturers seek to provide a safer driver compartment, the construction materials change, and tools used to cut into a vehicle to reach a patient must change as well,” points out Tom Shaughnessy, owner of Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC.

“TNT Rescue Systems, the manufacturing company, is able to quickly adapt to changing needs of emergency personnel because of our company’s

relatively small size. We work closely with emergency response organizations to ensure they have what they need,” adds Shaughnessy.

“This equipment is an excellent example of how Gateway’s business partners help us ensure world-class training in fire and emergency services,” says Gateway President Bryan Albrecht. “Because response time is so important, it is critical that students have experience with the latest generations of equipment.”

“I am proud that world leader, TNT Rescue Systems, Inc., is helping Gateway and its HERO Center provide quality training for our students and our communities’ fire and rescue departments,” adds Albrecht.

The TNT extrication equipment package includes a hydraulic-powered spreader and hydraulic cutter, a ram, and the power and pump unit. The power/pump unit, or “Simo,” allows two tools to be connected and simultaneously operable to avoid downtime when switching from one tool to another.

For more information about the equipment, contact John Dahms, Gateway lead instructor Fire Science Technician program: dahmsj@gtc.edu.

Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

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