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**Globe, DuPont, and NVFC to Give Away 52 Sets of Gear in 2013** *Eligible departments can apply at [www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-donation](http://www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-donation)*

Globe, DuPont, and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have teamed up once again to provide new gear to volunteer fire departments in need. The application period is now open for eligible departments to apply for up to four sets of gear. Up to 52 sets will be given away in 2013. Globe has been a trusted name in the fire service since first inventing turnout gear in 1887. To celebrate the company's 125th anniversary and say thank you to firefighters who dedicate themselves to protecting their communities, Globe partnered with DuPont and the NVFC in 2012 to launch a gear donation program. In all, 16 departments in the U.S. and Canada were awarded a total of 144 sets of gear. With the success of the program and the obvious need among volunteer departments for gear, Globe is offering an additional 52 sets of gear to NVFC members in 2013. "We received over 2,600 applications for the gear in 2012, demonstrating the great need for this type of program," said NVFC Executive Director Heather Schafer. "Volunteer departments across the country are facing limited or shrinking budgets and are struggling to provide their personnel with safe, compliant gear. Many are forced to make do with inadequate gear that puts their responders in danger. Globe and DuPont are great examples of companies giving back to their constituents and making a difference in our communities. We are proud to continue partnering with Globe and DuPont to implement this much-needed gear donation program." "At Globe, firefighter safety is not just our business – it's our passion," said Rob Freese, Globe Manufacturing Company Senior VP of Marketing. "We're grateful for the service provided by volunteer firefighters across the country and glad that we can improve their safety and performance with the most advanced turnout gear." To be eligible to apply for a gear donation, departments must be all-volunteer, serve a population of 25,000 or less, be located in the U.S. or Canada and legally organized under state

law, and must be a Department or Individual Member of the NVFC. If you are not currently a member of the NVFC, visit [www.nvfc.org/membership](http://www.nvfc.org/membership) to join. Find full program criteria and apply at [www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-donation](http://www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-donation). Applications are due by Sunday, June 30, 2013.

**About Globe** Firefighters need to be prepared to perform at their peak, on every call. That's why, when it comes to turnout gear, fit matters. Globe's turnout gear is designed to protect you, move with you, and improve your performance. It's athletic gear for firefighters. Learn more at [globeturnoutgear.com](http://globeturnoutgear.com).

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**About the NVFC** The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable tools, resources, programs, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).