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**NEW THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS WILL HELP FIRE DEPARTMENTS SAVE LIVES, PROPERTY
*\$20,000 Donation by Dart Container Corporation provides life-saving technology***

Local fire departments now have access to new technology to help protect lives and property with four thermal imaging cameras donated by Dart Container Corporation. The Mason and Delhi Township fire departments, which serve area townships as well as their own municipalities, will each receive two cameras. The cameras were presented at the March 1 Delhi Township and March 9 Mason City Council meetings.

The handheld devices can detect heat energy through smoke, walls and doors and help firefighters locate hot spots and trapped victims. The cameras, which cost \$5,000 each, have the capability to zoom and freeze images and capture video.

“This is a key piece of technology that will help our firefighters save lives and property, as well as keep them out of harm’s way,” said Mason Fire Chief Kerry Minshall. “We are grateful to Dart for its continued support of the community and emphasis on safety.”

Dart, whose roots in Mason date back to 1937, also helps local fire departments hold training exercises and has contributed manpower and equipment to help fire personnel respond to emergencies.

“Dart Container has remained committed to mid-Michigan since its founding, and we are pleased to support our local emergency responders and provide them with the tools they need to make our community as safe as possible,” Dart President Jim Lammers said.

Dart is a leading manufacturer of quality single-use foodservice packaging solutions and employs 1,800 employees in mid-Michigan and 15,000 worldwide.

The fire departments also extend their thanks to Mason’s First Due Fire Supply for their assistance.

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