



# St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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### **Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort Contributes to HAVFD**

**Akwesasne** – The Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort has donated \$42,000 to the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or “air packs” as they are often referred to.

In addition, the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort is purchasing a brand new ladder truck for the HAVFD valued at \$852,000. The truck will be paid via installment payments over a 20-year period and the need has been seen as vital and essential.

Derek Comins, HAVFD Chief notes, “The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department thanks the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council for committing the funds to purchase the firefighting equipment that will serve the entire community of Akwesasne as well as our surrounding communities with our mutual aid commitments”.

Continued training will be coordinated through HAVFD to ensure proper utilization of both the SCBA as well as the ladder truck, which will be arriving around Halloween 2013.

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