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## **FAMA Awards 2018 Phillip L. Turner Scholarship to Nicholas Brondum**

**Nashville, TN, October 18, 2018** - The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers Association (FAMA) awarded its 2018 Phillip L. Turner Fire Protection Scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) student Nicholas Brondum. Brondum was selected to receive the \$5,000 scholarship in recognition of his outstanding achievements and his steadfast focus towards the improvement of firefighter safety.

At a young age, Nicholas was inspired by his father, a thirty-seven-year fire service veteran. After years of visiting fire departments and an apparatus manufacturer, Nicholas decided to pursue a career in research toward the safety and efficiency of fire service equipment and tactics. For financial reasons, he is working hard to complete his undergraduate degree in Fire Protection Engineering Technology in three years and is currently working on his thesis. In alignment with his focus to improve firefighter safety, the end-goal of his thesis is to determine the best practices for fighting fires in high-rise and standpipe equipped buildings.

Nicholas interned at UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute this past summer and is currently the President of the ECU Society of Fire Protection Engineers. He is a member of the ECU Honors program, the ECU Justice and Safety Student Leaders, and a volunteer with the White Hall Fire Department. In the future, Nicholas hopes to continue his education and obtain a master's degree in Fire Protection Engineering.

The Phillip L. Turner Scholarship is awarded annually by FAMA and has been sponsored since 2009 by FAMA member Akron Brass Co., a worldwide marketer and manufacturer of high-performance life safety, firefighting and emergency rescue equipment.

"At Akron Brass, we believe that education and training are key factors to the success of individuals both professionally and personally. Obtaining an education can be a challenge for young individuals but with scholarships like these it makes goals become reality. Towards this end, Akron Brass is honored to sponsor the Philip L Turner scholarship program," stated Kim Morrow, Corporate Communications and Event Manager.

Lou Milanovich, FAMA Education Committee Chair, stated, "Nicholas was selected to receive the scholarship because of his great passion for the fire protection industry and his goal to improve the safety and efficiency of firefighting."

On behalf of FAMA, we wish Nicholas much success in his future endeavors.

### **About FAMA:**

The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) is a non-profit trade association organized in 1946. Members of FAMA are committed to enhancing the quality of the fire apparatus industry and emergency service community through the manufacture and sale of safe, efficient fire apparatus and equipment.