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## News Release

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### **Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling of Union and Essex Counties sponsors successful fundraiser for the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and its charities**

Cranford, NJ – February 1, 2011 – Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling of Union and Essex Counties recently sponsored a successful fundraiser to benefit the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association (NJFMBA), the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation in Livingston, NJ and its Children's Burn Camp in Union, CT. The event was held on January 24 at Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.

The Corked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival and the Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off featured a food and wine festival and tastings, and New Jersey firefighters prepared their favorite firehouse and gourmet foods for attendees. More than \$40,000 was raised during the evening festivities.

According to Patrick Wildridge, [Paul Davis](#) office owner, the competition was exciting with local firefighters serving as celebrity chefs who competed for the winning spot with original recipes and specialty dishes ranging from Caribbean to U.S. gourmet and ethnic cuisine. Specifically, Paul Davis joined NJFMBA member fire departments, local merchants and business owners, restaurateurs and distributors as sponsors of the first annual event. Firefighters participated from Bayonne, Belleville, Carteret, Cranford, Hamilton Township, Linden, New Brunswick, North Hudson, Trenton and Union. Approximately 42 restaurant owners and 19 wine and liquor vendors were present to prepare and serve their finest fare.

More than 700 people attended the foodie night with the Union Fire Department taking first place for a braised short ribs gourmet recipe. The Belleville Fire Department came in second with an Asian rack of lamb and other exotic accoutrements.

"We all work hard to raise money for the NJFMBA and its worthy charities that help firefighters and their families, along with children in medical need throughout New Jersey," said Wildridge. "Paul Davis was honored to participate in the incredible evening along with hundreds of local supporters who enjoyed the food and beverage and mingled with local broadcast celebrities who were the emcees and judges," he said. Wildridge also served as a judge during the event.

The Paul Davis office works year round with the NJFMBA and supports the organization and its members through a number of programs and services including the Firefighters Land and Sea Holiday (F.L.A.S.H) in October, and a variety of events to benefit the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation in Livingston, NJ and the organization's The Children's Burn Camp in Union, CT. According to Wildridge, each year his office supports about five charities in New Jersey with more than \$100,000 donated in cash and in-kind services. For more information, contact Wildridge at 908.276-6161 or email [pwildridge@pdr-usa.net](mailto:pwildridge@pdr-usa.net). Visit the website at [www.pdrunionessex.com](http://www.pdrunionessex.com).

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