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### **Middlesex Water Hosts Appreciation Dinner for Local Fire Officials**

**ISELIN, NEW JERSEY**, October 24, 2006 -- Middlesex Water Company observed Fire Prevention Month by hosting an appreciation dinner for area fire chiefs, commissioners and other fire officials at its company headquarters. More than 35 representatives from local fire companies joined company officials to discuss matters of mutual interest including fire protection, public health and safety and emergency preparedness.

“Throughout the year, we try to work as closely as possible with the firefighting community to maximize fire protection efforts. This event, in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, gives us the opportunity to share with local departments our water quality improvements, infrastructure projects and emergency management practices. In addition, this event allows us to capture observations regarding the quality of our service and valuable feedback as to what small part our company can play in assisting our firefighters to do their job as effectively as possible,” said Dennis Doll, Middlesex President & CEO.

Middlesex Water provides water to a population of more than 250,000 in central New Jersey. The Company delivered 21 billion gallons of water in 2005 and is engaged in the business of supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes.

During the meeting, the Company relayed its latest initiatives. Engineering staff described their state-of-the-art Hydrant Identification technology and its partnership with Woodbridge District 1 Fire Department. Middlesex Water partnered with the District to collect all hydrant data from throughout the township utilizing global positioning system equipment linked to mapping capability through a geographic information system. This program is expected to be expanded to other municipalities. In addition, the Company described its training program which educates local emergency response professionals about company facilities and potential threats to the water supply.

“We are pleased to have an opportunity thank our fire professionals for their service and continue to partner with them to protect the public health and safety of area residents,” said Doll. For more information about Middlesex Water Company, visit [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com)