

GEAR UP continued



“Arrangements are currently being made for a donation to be made to the firefighters of Dominican Republic from one of our warehouse locations in Wisconsin which will be coordinated by Ron Naab and involving Alberto DeLarosa, Gear Up Foundation Dominican Republic Director sometime after Memorial Day weekend,” stated Monica Carrera. “We are currently working out the details for this and hope that it will be taken care of in the next couple of weeks.”

“We are grateful for the donations of Scott 2.2 air packs and spare bottles from the Wisconsin Department of Correction facilities in Waupun and Milwaukee. These units are like new,” reports Ron Naab.



GEAR UP WAREHOUSES FILLED TO THE BRIM THANKS TO RON NAAB AND HIS SUPPORT GROUP!

Upcoming, Gear Up Director and former President, Chief Nelson will be providing a HAZMAT conference and seminar on behalf of Gear Up Foundation in Ecuador. The conference is scheduled for July 1 and will be geared towards both industry and fire service. Great interest is being expressed by potential attendees in Ecuador in support of this much needed conference/seminar. Details about the conference will be shared in upcoming articles.

Gear Up is also working with members of the Columbian Fire Service to arrange for more and regular training sessions. Additionally, the foundation is recruiting instructors who wish to offer their time and



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talent and be part of an exciting and rewarding travel and training opportunity in Ecuador. Those who may be interested in participating in this should contact Vincent Forras at vferras@gearupworld.org. Those who are interested should have a passport to allow for international travel.

Gear Up Foundation is also working with several businesses to introduce their products to the market in Ecuador. With their contacts and boots on the ground they could provide a very exciting and unique opportunity for sales in Ecuador. Those who may be interested in exploring this should contact Monica Carrera at mcarrera@gearupworld.org.

More exciting news to come as the foundation evaluates invitations to share in September 11th ceremonies in several countries to honor and remember loved ones lost and their sacrifice. These trips are also open to those who wish to share in something extraordinary. Information about this can be obtained by contacting Vincent Forras at vferras@gearupworld.org



The Gear Up Team in action in Ecuador, post conference and seminar offered at the Christian College. Andres Troya, GUP presents UPS (University Politecnica Salesiana) President, Andres Bayolo with award from Gear Up Foundation.

President Ron Naab continues to do his magic with the American Tribute Ride which has become a landmark day on many calendars and supported by Gear Up Foundation since day one. This wonderful ride winds its way through some of the most picturesque landscapes of Wisconsin and visits several fire departments who are kind enough to host this incredible tribute to ride to heroes and warriors who answered and continue to answer the call. This year's ride will start at the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial in Wisconsin Rapids onto Rudolph Fire Station for lunch then onto Amherst and Wild Rose and end at Hancock [along i-39] on July 22. You can find pre-registration forms and fliers at the website [www.americantributeride.com]. This is the 20th year that the committee has organized a fundraising ride.