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## **Mexican Charity Supplies Spanish Essentials of Fire Fighting Manual for Training School**

El Mundo para Puerto Morelos, a Mexican-based charity that helps schools, clinics, and emergency services in Puerto Morelos, recently supplied local firefighters with the Spanish version of *Essentials of Fire Fighting* manuals for training purposes. Catriona Brown, administrator of El Mundo, worked with the Cancun Fire Service to coordinate a fire training workshop in August. Local firefighters attended classes in rescue, CPR, first aid, and hazardous materials.

"The bomberos were delighted and relieved to receive the manuals that were so graciously donated," Brown said. "The fire service here is in dire straits because of severe training and equipment shortages." The training comes on the heels of a tragedy earlier this year when two firefighters died in a shopping center fire. The men, who were not wearing proper breathing apparatus, were overcome with fumes when they entered a building where the roof collapsed. Brown observed that the deaths could have been avoided with the proper training.

"Everything we can do to prepare them in any way is lifesaving to these firefighters and, of course, to the community," Brown commented. "They are keen to learn, and we are doing all we can to help. We all thank the IFSTA/Fire Protection Publications organization – you are making a big difference here!"