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RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

In consideration of premium charged,

RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY hereby continues in force

Bond No. B2647920

dated February 27, 1996

in the amount of Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars

on behalf of VFP Fire Systems, Inc., as Principal,

in favor of Lake County, and All Cities and Towns Therein for the period

beginning December 31, 1999

and ending December 31, 2000 subject to all the terms and conditions of said bond; PROVIDED that the

liability of Reliance Insurance COMPANY shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount
above written, whether the loss shall have occurred during the term of said bond or during any
continuation or continuations thereof, or partly during said term and partly during any continuation or
continuations thereof.

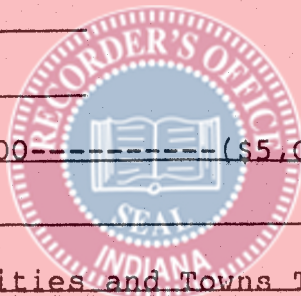
Signed and Sealed December 27, 1999

RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: *Stephen M. Klein*
Stephen M. Klein Attorney-in-Fact

KLEIN AGENCY, INC.
3570 N. Lexington Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55126
(651) 484-6461

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LAKE COUNTY
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RELiance SURETY COMPANY
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

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RELiance NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and that RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY and UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, are corporations duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (herein collectively called "the Companies") and that the Companies by virtue of signature and seals do hereby make, constitute and appoint John D. Klein, Stephen M. Klein, John C. Klein., of St. Paul, Minnesota their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on their behalf, and as their act and deed any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by an Executive Officer of the Companies and sealed and attested by one other of such officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that their said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in pursuance hereof.

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of Article VII of the By-Laws of RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY, RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, and RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY which provisions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTION OF BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS

1. The Board of Directors, the President, the Chairman of the Board, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President or Assistant Vice President or other officer designated by the Board of Directors shall have power and authority to (a) appoint Attorney(s)-in-Fact and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (b) to remove any such Attorney(s)-in-Fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to them.

2. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the Power of Attorney issued to them, to execute deliver on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

3. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority to execute affidavits required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity or other conditional or obligatory undertakings and they shall also have power and authority to certify the financial statement of the Company and to copies of the By-Laws of the Company or any article or section thereof.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Executive and Finance Committees of the Boards of Directors of Reliance Insurance Company, United Pacific Insurance Company and Reliance National Indemnity Company by Unanimous Consent dated as of February 28, 1994 and by the Executive and Financial Committee of the Board of Directors of Reliance Surety Company by Unanimous Consent dated as of March 31, 1994.

"Resolved that the signatures of such directors and officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or any certificates relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such Power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company, in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this February 1, 1998.



RELiance SURETY COMPANY
RELiance INSURANCE COMPANY
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY
RELiance NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

David T. Akers

STATE OF Pennsylvania
COUNTY OF Philadelphia

On this, February 1, 1998, before me, Valencia Wortham, personally appeared David T. Akers, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of the Reliance Surety Company, and the Vice President of Reliance Insurance Company, United Pacific Insurance Company, and Reliance National Indemnity Company and that as such, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as its duly authorized officer.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notarial Seal
Valencia Wortham, Notary Public
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
My Commission Expires Nov. 18, 2000



Valencia Wortham
Notary Public in and for the State of Pennsylvania
Residing at Philadelphia

I, Anita Zippert, Secretary of RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY, RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, and RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 27 day of December 1999.

Anita Zippert

Secretary

