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Council Tool Introduces KATool Multi-Purpose, Fast Attack Firefighting Tool

LAKE WACCAMAW, NC – March 2004 – Council Tool has introduced its KATool (Kwik Access Tool), a patented, multi-purpose, fast attack tool designed for firefighters. The KATool has been added to Council Tool’s full line of professional-quality, American-made firefighting hand tools.

The KATool is an ideal tool for fire fighters and trainers searching for hidden fires, making smoke inspection cuts, opening interior finishes, cutting cables and wires, and removing doors and clearing windows. The tool easily cuts lightweight metals, such as mobile homes, warehouses, RVs, trailers and buses, and it removes windshields. Ideal for push-pull motions required in cutting and probing, the KATool will open sheetrock walls and ceilings and works well on plaster/lathe, wire/plaster, lathe and tongue and groove.

Constructed of tempered #4140 alloy steel, the KATool features eight unique rip teeth that are precision-machined to a knife-edged point. The rip teeth enable firefighters to remove ceiling and wall building materials more safely and more quickly than traditional pike poles, hooks and sheetrock pullers.

Each KATool comes equipped with a sturdy sheath and is offered in two lengths of fiberglass handles, a 5’ length with a regular grip, and a 2’ length with a “D” grip. The KATool blade measures 16” in length. The short handle version weighs approximately 4.5 lbs., and the long handle version weighs approximately 6 lbs., making it a lightweight tool that allows firefighters to readily increase their workloads without undue fatigue.

Council Tool’s complete line of firefighting tools includes axes, fire rakes and fire swatters and its Rawhide™ brand of tools. All tools are ready to ship, and are backed by Council Tool’s long-standing reputation for reliability.

Fire departments and forest services can order direct from the Council Tool web site: www.counciltool.com/fire.

Founded in 1886, Council Tool offers an extensive line of high-quality hand tools, including axes, striking tools, forged bars, shrubbing tools, picks, mattocks, digging tools, wood-splitting tools, C-clamps and a variety of specialty tools.

For additional information on Council Tool’s firefighting tools, please contact: The Council Tool Company, Inc., 345 Pecan Lane, P. O. Box 165, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450-0165. Telephone: (910) 646-3011. Fax: (910) 646-4414. Web: www.counciltool.com.

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