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## **NASCAR® STAR TONY STEWART AND OFFICE DEPOT TO AUCTION RACE-WORN FIRESUIT AND HELMET TO BENEFIT THE OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL BACKPACK PROGRAM**

*Stewart Wore Firesuit And Helmet While Driving Special Back-To-School Themed Race Car  
During July 10 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series™ Race At Chicagoland Speedway*

**Boca Raton, Fla., August 13, 2010** – Office Depot® (NYSE: ODP), the Official Office Products Partner of NASCAR®, is teaming up with Tony Stewart, a two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series™ champion and driver of the No. 14 Office Depot/Old Spice Chevy, for a special online charity auction accessible via the all-new [www.OfficeDepotRacing.com](http://www.OfficeDepotRacing.com).

Starting today through August 23, fans can bid on the actual Office Depot Foundation firesuit and helmet worn by Stewart during the July 10 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series™ race at Chicagoland Speedway. Stewart's No. 14 Office Depot/Old Spice Chevy featured a special "back-to-school" paint scheme at Chicagoland, and the unique firesuit and helmet were created specifically for that race.

Both items will be autographed by Stewart, and proceeds from the auction will be used to support The Office Depot Foundation's award-winning National Backpack Program, which provides new backpacks to schools and charitable organizations that work with children in need across the country.

"It was a lot of fun to have the special back-to-school paint scheme on my No. 14 Office Depot/Old Spice Chevy earlier this summer, and I'm very proud to partner with the Office Depot Foundation on its National Backpack Program," Stewart said. "I can tell you from experience how rewarding it is to see the look on these kids' faces when they get a new backpack – it's an automatic boost of confidence for them and helps them feel ready to take on the new school year just like everybody else. I hope fans will help support this awesome program by participating in the online auction."

The Office Depot Foundation is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its National Backpack Program this year. Since the program began in 2001, Office Depot and the Office Depot Foundation have donated approximately 2.3 million backpacks to children in need. Stewart will help the Foundation donate more than 300,000 backpacks during this year's back-to-school season and is personally hosting backpack donation events in Chicago, Indianapolis, Atlanta, Richmond, Va., and Kansas City.

The Tony Stewart Foundation will support the auction by utilizing its eBay Giving Works account as the bidding platform. To reach the eBay page for the Office Depot Foundation firesuit and helmet auction, visit [www.OfficeDepotRacing.com](http://www.OfficeDepotRacing.com).

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