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City of Fontana Pleased to Accept Grants

The Mayor and City Council of Fontana are pleased to announce the awards of two grants for the Fontana Fire District that will be used to assist firefighters in emergency response and in fire prevention.

The first grant totaling \$168,500, 20% of which is city-matching funds, will be used for equipment for emergency response and readiness. Ten mobile data computers or MDC'S will be purchased and installed on the fire apparatus in the city. These computers will display emergency response information and have GPS based mapping as an aid in locating calls. The grant will also be used to purchase and install 3 washer/extractor machines for stations 73, 77, and the new station 71. These machines are used for cleaning and disinfecting turnout gear. The remainder of the money will go towards a vehicle exhaust system at station 78. These systems are vital to remove diesel exhaust carcinogens from apparatus bays as fire vehicles move in and out of the stations.

The second grant in the amount of \$103,452 also includes a 20% city match, and will go towards fire prevention efforts. A trailer for fire prevention training at schools is part of the planned purchases. Also included will be smoke detectors for low-income families and seniors, and special detectors for the hearing impaired. These will be distributed through the fire prevention bureau once purchased.

Both of the grants are from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and through the Assistance to Firefighter Program. The city of Fontana contracts with the San Bernardino County Fire Department for fire protection.

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