Aberdeen Fire Department Wins Grant to Fund New Heart Monitors

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Aberdeen, WA - The Aberdeen Fier Department has been awarded grant funding to replace two heart monitors totaling 57 thousand dollars. The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced their 13th round of Assistance to Firefighters Grants which included Aberdeen. Fire Chief Dave Carlberg thanked Firefighter and Paramedic Ryan Knodel who was responsible for writing and managing the grant.

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. The Aberdeen Fire Department has received notification of funding in the amount of $57,000 to replace two heart monitors. They are 12 lead capable to provide better views of the patients heart rhythm. Our current equipment is becoming obsolete and the availability of parts for servicing the equipment is no longer available. The new heart monitors will also have the ability to monitor CO levels with a patient. Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Knodel who is also the department Emergency Medical Coordinator was responsible for writing and managing this grant. The department has had huge success over the years in obtaining federal grant funding for projects, which has greatly minimized the tax burden on our residents. The projects previously approved total over $500,000; 2001 Mobile trailer “Live Burn” Trainer - $70,000 2002 Storz “quick connect” adapters for city fire hydrants - $40,950 2003 Firefighting clothing (PPE) for each firefighter - $56,700 2004 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus & Air Compressor -$198,000 2006 Diesel Exhaust Extraction System for both stations - $70,000 2007 Extraction Equipment (Jaws of Life) - $30,000 2009 Building Generator System for Station 1. - $57,000