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# East Fork Fire Protection District

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## East Fork Fire Protection District Receives Grant Funds

Minden- The East Fork Fire Protection District took delivery of a new ambulance today. The unit is built on a Ford F450 chassis and conforms to the standard specification and design that was developed by the District personnel. The new unit was funded with the help of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds generously allocated to the District by Douglas County Commissioners. ARPA provided relief funds to state, local, and tribal governments that had been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The new ambulance, built by Braun Northwest, in Chehalis, Washington, cost \$230,000. The District operates four frontline Advanced Life Support Ambulances that cover the 675 square miles of the District's jurisdiction. District ambulances accrue on average 60,000 miles a year. The units are designed to have the patient compartment remounted on new chassis thus saving the cost of the total ambulance build. The District has applied the practice for the past several years, saving over \$500,000 in ambulance costs. Battalion Chief Troy Valenzuela noted that the District's ambulances are the most used vehicles in the apparatus fleet. The District has had to wait over a year for this acquisition due to a lack of chassis availability. Chief Carlini singled out employees Chad Sheldrew and Mason Jackson for their work on the acquisition and specifications, with input from the members. *"Chad and Mason were handed this project some time ago and have been able to see it through from start to finish. They did a great job."*

The new ambulance will go into service at Fire Station 7 in the Gardnerville Ranchos. Station 7 is the busiest station in the District. Chief Carlini thanked the County Commission for the allocation of funds for not only the ambulance but also for a complete replacement of its ambulance gurneys and for a wildland fire apparatus refurbishment project which is also underway and which will be deployed on southern Douglas County once completed.

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Pictured with the District's new ambulance funded by a County allocation of ARPA funds is Commission Chairman, Mark Gardner, District Director John Bellona, District Board President Jacques Etchegoyhen, and Commissioner Danny Tarkanian.