

East Fork Fire Protection District

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East Fork Fire Protection District Receives Grant Funds

Minden- The East Fork Fire Protection District was one of five (5) regional fire agencies to receive grant funds for the purchase of Self -Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The \$1,771,818 grant will be shared between five agencies with East Fork receiving the largest share due to the size of the organization East Fork's share will be \$630,000 with a 10% match coming from the District's budget.



The funding is provided by the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. The AFG program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

Each organization will be utilizing the grant to replace self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment due to their fast-approaching operational life expectancy. The departments will soon be equipped with the most up-to-date safety

features. The new SCBA's will enhance interoperability between these mutual aid partners.

The grant will be administered by the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. District Chief, Tod Carlini expressed his appreciation to that agency, and their Chief, Ryan Sommers, for taking on this effort. The administration of federal grants can be a daunting task and requires high attention to detail and accounting. The District Chief went on to say *"With the grant and with the District's 10% contribution, we will be able to replace all our SCBA at one time and with latest technologies."* SCBA's have a maximum life of 15 years. The units currently in service in East Fork are 13 years old. By the time the new units arrive, the 15-year life span will be coming to an end. *"It is absolutely critical that we do all we can to provide the safest and most current equipment that we can to our firefighters,"* noted Chief Carlini.

Other agencies receiving funding include the Carson City Fire Department, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, and Smith Valley Fire Protection District.