



MARIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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FIRE CHIEF

March 13, 2007

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve receipt of grant for \$103,973 awarded by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety to the Marin County Fire Department to purchase state of the art extrication equipment.

SUMMARY: The Marin County Fire Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$103,973 by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety to replace three outdated extrication systems with state of the art equipment. The goal set by the Department in receiving this new equipment is to decrease extrication time by 25% and ultimately improve first responder services to traffic collision victims in the seven communities served by June 30, 2007. This goal will be met within this time frame through the provision of training on the new equipment to full time emergency personnel, seasonal staff and members of volunteer agencies.

The Office of Traffic Safety has stipulated in the grant that the Department is required to display the equipment at public events and safety fairs, issue a press release announcing the receipt and kick-off of the equipment and notify their office when the equipment is used to save a life. There are no match requirements for receiving these funds.

The Department plans to find local volunteer agencies to donate the existing equipment to provide first responders with the ability to perform life saving procedures that are currently only available in West Marin on County emergency response vehicles.

We are also requesting the purchase be made from L.N. Curtis & Sons of Oakland, California. The team in charge of our equipment program completed extensive research with various companies and found that L.N. Curtis and Sons provided the equipment at the best price and with the most beneficial service ability. The research and development was done at the time of grant application and is a key component in the grant amount. A key factor in saving lives when extrication is required is to have the best, reliable equipment available in the shortest amount of time. With the donation of the older equipment to other agencies, more extrication equipment is available in the West Marin area.

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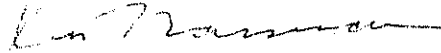
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FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no increase in Net County Cost. Increase in expenses of \$103,973 (Cost Center-2300021800, GL-5220833, Functional Area-1000000232903000, Fund Center-2300021000) offset by increase in revenue for \$103,793 (Cost Center-2300021800, GL-4710310, Functional Area-1000000232903000, Fund Center-2300021000). SAP documents pending

REVIEWED BY:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



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Fire Chief