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Office of Traffic Safety Awards \$110,000 Grant to the Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District for New Emergency Response Equipment

Beckwourth, Calif. – Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District announced today that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to purchase new extrication equipment. Known as the “jaws of life,” and including additional critical extraction equipment. First responders use these specialized tools to safely rescue crash victims trapped inside a vehicle.

“We are incredibly grateful for this grant, which will allow us to purchase state-of-the-art rescue tools and provide training to first responders that is critical for the care of people injured in crashes,” Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District Chief Jack Rosevear said. “These tools will significantly impact our ability to protect and serve our community, allowing us to respond even more effectively in times of crisis.”

Post-crash care is vital in preventing serious injuries from turning deadly. Delays in providing expedient care impacts survival chances. Reducing the time it takes to get to the patient, treating what can be treated, and transporting the patient to the hospital can be the difference between life and death. According to federal data, 42% of people who were killed in car crashes were alive when first responders arrived. New “jaws of life” hydraulic rescue tools will help first responders deliver life-saving measures for patients trapped in vehicles, significantly increasing chances of survival.

Specifically, the grant provides for the purchase of two sets of Hurst “Jaws of Life” Electric Battery Powered Tools, with one set being deployed to the district's West Battalion in Portola and the second set deployed to the East Battalion in Chilcoat. These tools are the latest generation of electric battery powered tools.

Additionally, the grant provides the funding to purchase two sets of airbags needed for extraction purposes, with one set being a Maxiforce Heavy Truck kit with up to a 44.6-

ton capacity. These airbags provide various lifting and stabilization options and are the latest technology for optimum strength, durability and rapid deployment.

Overall, these new tools can improve extraction time by as much as 10-15 minutes.

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