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ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG)
AWARDED TO CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Arroyo Grande Fire Department working cooperatively with its regional partners, the City of Grover Beach and the Oceano Community Services District, has received a grant in the amount of \$815,625 from the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The City of Arroyo Grande was the host agency to apply for the grant in partnership with the City of Grover Beach and the Oceano Community Services District. The grant monies will be used to purchase an aerial apparatus to be utilized in the three communities. The Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Oceano Fire Departments have been working towards a consolidated fire agency to be established in the near future. Each of the agencies will pay a portion of the matching funds required under a specified formula. Grant funding will be used to replace the current 23 year old 75' aerial truck owned by the City of Arroyo Grande. According to Michael Hubert, Fire Chief for the Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Oceano Fire Departments, "We are very fortunate to have been selected as a recipient of the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The purchase of the state of the art aerial platform (ladder) truck will benefit the three communities and the residents we serve. The fact that we are working to provide services on a regional basis made this grant much more competitive. Given the City's budget constraints, this grant will have a tremendous impact on updating equipment critical for the Department to continue to provide fire suppression and rescue services to our community."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Program Directorate (GPD), in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awards grants to the fire departments every year. This is done to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel.

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