



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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### **MONTEREY FIRE AWARDED \$50,000 OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FOR NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT**

Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey Fire Department received a \$50,257 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to purchase new extrication equipment. The funding will pay for modern rescue tools to be placed on additional front-line engines. This will allow first responders to begin rescue measures as soon as possible without having to wait for tools to arrive from another engine which is critical for the care of those injured in crashes. Known as the “jaws of life,” first responders use these specialized tools to safely rescue crash victims trapped inside a vehicle.

Monterey Interim Fire Chief Andrew Miller said, “This grant will have a significant impact on our ability to protect and serve our community, allowing us to respond even quicker and more effectively in times of crisis.”

Delays in providing care to crash victims impact the “golden hour” of survival, a core principle in the emergency medical services industry. Reducing the time it takes to get to the patient, treat what can be treated, and transport the patient to the hospital helps increase the chance for recovery.

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