



REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Certificate of Appreciation – Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company
and Kirby Wells – President of Independent Solutions United

Report in Brief

The Woodland Fire Department received a grant from the Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company through their Heritage Program to purchase vehicle stabilization struts. This grant was summarized in a report to the City Council on March 3. A representative of the grant program, Kirby Wells, has been invited to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the City Council.

Staff recommends that the City Council present the Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company and Kirby Wells, President of Independent Solutions United with a Certificate of Appreciation for the grant awarded to fund needed rescue equipment.

Background

One of the most challenging problems firefighters face while working at the scene of a vehicle accident is vehicle stabilization. Vehicle stabilization makes it safer for firefighters to access and medically treat injured or trapped occupants, and it makes it safer for the occupant trapped in a vehicle.

Discussion

The Woodland Fire Department responded to 2,925 vehicle accidents in 2008. 1,867 of those accidents were injury accidents. Several manufacturers make lightweight and portable stabilization struts to stabilize unstable vehicles, (i.e., overturned, on their side, partially overhanging a canal or ditch, etc.). The Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company, through their Heritage Program awards millions of dollars in grants annually to fire departments and fire and burn non-profits for needed equipment, training, and community education programs.

The Woodland Fire Department submitted an application to the Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company in 2008 requesting funds to purchase portable stabilization struts. Kirby Wells, President of Independent Solutions United in Rancho Cordova, as part of the Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers selected the Woodland Fire Department to receive a Heritage Program grant in 2008 to purchase this

needed rescue equipment. The Fire Department received an award of \$7,451 to buy struts and rescue attachments for one fire engine, and for one rescue vehicle.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost of the vehicle struts and related equipment for two emergency vehicles was \$10,694. Therefore, the grant award of \$7451 lowered the cost of the equipment to Woodland taxpayers to \$3,243. This amount is available within the Fire Department’s FY 2008-09 General Fund budget.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council present the Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company and Kirby Wells, President of Independent Solutions United with a Certificate of Appreciation for the grant awarded to fund needed rescue equipment.

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City of Woodland

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

FIREMEN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY KIRBY WELLS – INDEPENDENT SOLUTIONS UNITED

WHEREAS, the Woodland Fire Department submitted an application for a grant to the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company requesting support for the purchase of portable stabilization struts; and,

WHEREAS, Independent Solutions United in Rancho Cordova, as part of the Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers, selected the Department to receive a Heritage Program Grant to purchase this equipment, and rescue attachments for two fire pieces of apparatus; and,

WHEREAS, Kirby Wells, President of Independent Solutions facilitated this award in the amount of \$7,451.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland Fire Department requests the City Council acknowledge the support of the Department by Firemen's Fund and Independent Solutions with the presentation of this Certificate of Appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby thank and commend Firemen's Fund Insurance Company and Kirby Wells, President of Independent Solutions United for their generous contribution to the Woodland Fire Department in support of their equipment needs.

Dated this 24th of March, 2009.

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member