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News Release – River Delta Fire Protection District

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Subject: Safety Equipment Grant

The River Delta Fire District has been selected as a recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the CalFire Rural Fire Capacity (RFC). The Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) is a Federally funded grant program that allows California to provide local and rural fire departments with training, communications, and safety equipment for volunteer firefighters. River Delta Fire District will use the grant funds to purchase needed communications equipment.

According to River Delta's Fire Chief Paul Cutino, the Fire District applied for the grant based upon a strategy that will improve firefighter safety.

This funding will cover the acquisition of new wildland firefighting safety equipment and PPE. Last year, Chief Cutino was successful in acquiring a grant from (RFC) for equipping Fire and EMS units with compliant portable radios ensuring interoperable radio communication between firefighters, dispatch and ensuring effective communications with our mutual aid partners.

Chief Cutino added, "These kinds of partnerships between California's agencies help maintain the levels of responses so needed in our state's rural areas."

Chief Cutino further added that announcements will be coming soon about additional awards that River Delta Fire District has received. "We are so thankful to have a Fire Chief with not only extensive grant writing experience. He is dedicated, knowledgeable and the most experienced Fire Chief we have ever had." We are truly blessed to have him" said River Delta Board President, Les Wolfson.

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