

# TULARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ED. A. WRISTEN  
CHIEF

## AGENDA

**DATE:** July 18, 2006

**SUBJECT:** The Fire Department requests authorization to accept grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety to obtain State grant funds of \$211,700 for the purchase of Auto Collision Extrication Equipment, and Traffic Safety Training and equipment to meet MUTCD standards.

**REQUEST:** Approve and authorize the Fire Department to accept the Office of Traffic Safety grant funds of \$211,700 to purchase Auto Collision Extrication Equipment for the County. Authorize Chairman to sign grant agreement signature page.

**SUMMARY:** The grant is being offered by the State of California, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). OTS distributes federal funding apportioned to California under the National Highway Safety Act and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The grants are to address traffic safety priority areas that include occupant protection, roadway safety, plus others. The Fire Department grant application is to continue to provide quality vehicle extrication services to the public. To accomplish this objective, the Department must acquire new emergency rescue equipment to replace the outdated equipment presently in service. Heavy hydraulic extrication systems, airbag sets, and accessory extrication equipment will be placed in five County stations. Lightweight hydraulic extrication systems will be placed in four County stations. Training and equipment will be provided to all emergency response staff to meet MUTCD traffic safety standards.

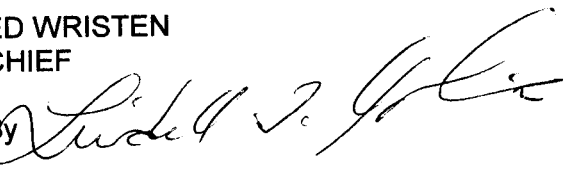
**FINANCING:** Grant funds of \$211,700 to cover 100 percent of all costs of purchasing equipment and training. There is no net cost to the County.

**ALTERNATIVE:** Not accept grant. Not purchase the equipment.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:** Auditor  
County Counsel

ED WRISTEN  
CHIEF

By

  
Lindell T. Yoshimura  
Assistant Chief

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER ) RESOLUTION NO.  
 )  
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT )  
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF )  
TRAFFIC SAFETY TO PURCHASE JAWS OF )  
LIFE, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED  
BY

SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOREGOING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD

OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_,  
BY

THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CLERK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized approval for the Tulare County Fire Department to accept and spend grant funds of \$211,700 from the California Office of Traffic Safety to purchase Jaws of Life, Equipment, and Training.



OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY  
GRANT AGREEMENT

PAGE 1 (To be completed by applicant Agency)

1. PROJECT TITLE  
P.A.C.E.R. 2 - POSITION AUTO COLLISION EXTRICATION RESOURCES

2. NAME OF APPLICANT AGENCY  
TULARE COUNTY

3. AGENCY UNIT TO HANDLE PROJECT  
TULARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

4. PROJECT PERIOD  
Month - Day - Year  
From: 10/01/06  
To: 12/31/08

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Provide an overview of the project activities that will address the problem statement, in approximately 100 words. Space is limited to six lines.)

In 2004, Tulare County Fire began a two-year program to: reduce response time, reduce extrication time, and improve firefighter safety. Hydraulic Extrication Systems were placed into 8 communities of the region, and training provided to over 120 firefighters. This year's proposal is to continue and complete the plan for the remaining rural highway areas of Tulare County. We propose to purchase with OTS funds and position extrication equipment in eight County Stations and one District Station; to provide training for all our firefighters in an initial and ongoing manner; to upgrade our safety training to the MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standard to protect firefighters, officers, and patients at traffic collision scenes.

6. FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED: \$ 211,700.00

7. APPROVAL SIGNATURES

A. PROJECT DIRECTOR

NAME: PHONE:  
TITLE: FAX:  
ADDRESS:  
E-MAIL:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Date)

B. AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL OF APPLICANT AGENCY

NAME: PHONE:  
TITLE: FAX:  
ADDRESS:  
E-MAIL:  
  
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(Signature) (Date)

C. FISCAL OR ACCOUNTING OFFICIAL

NAME: PHONE:  
TITLE: FAX:  
ADDRESS:  
E-MAIL:  
  
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(Signature) (Date)

D. OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS

NAME:  
ADDRESS: