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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Friday, February 4th, The U.S. Fire Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, announced the awarding of Fiscal Year 2010 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG) to Marion County Fire District #1 in the amount of \$378,533.00. The grant includes a requirement for matching funds of 10% of the total project amount.

This award, will allow MCFD#1 to purchase state-of-the-art cardiac and respiratory monitoring equipment that will enhance the level of emergency medical care provided to critical and/or unstable cardiac emergency patients we serve. In addition to life-saving medical evaluation, these devices known as multi-platform defibrillators will include integrated oxygen and carbon monoxide monitoring. Both are considered essential medical tools for burn victims as well as patients with serious cardio-respiratory problems. Furthermore, these tools will also assist the fire district in providing a more thorough and complete physical evaluation of firefighting personnel on the scene of fire emergencies during firefighter incident rehabilitation.

In an effort to be excellent stewards of federal and local tax dollars, the district will soon begin conducting a competitive vendor selection, and anticipates ordering the new devices by July 1st.

This is Marion County Fire District #1's fourth award of Assistance to Firefighter Grant monies from the U.S. Fire Administration totaling more than \$1.3 Million dollars since 2002.

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