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City of Morro Bay Fire Department Awarded Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety for New Emergency Response Equipment

Morro Bay, California. – The City of Morro Bay Fire Department is the recipient of a \$48,000 grant to purchase new extrication equipment. Known as the “jaws of life,” first responders use these specialized tools to safely rescue crash victims trapped inside a vehicle.

“This grant will have a significant impact on our ability to protect and serve our community, allowing us to respond even more effectively in times of crisis,” said Morro Bay Fire Department, Fire Chief Daniel McCrain. “The funding will pay for modern rescue tools and provide training to first responders that is critical for the care of those injured in crashes.” Receiving this grant will allow us to extricate patients more safely and effectively from modern vehicles. The goal of this program is to reduce the time an accident victim is trapped in their vehicle, increasing the survivability for victims.

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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