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Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Awards West Plainfield Fire Dept Apparatus Grant

The West Plainfield Fire Protection District has been awarded \$147,000 from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, in partnership with Doyuti T'uhkana, to build two new fire apparatus that will replace two old and outdated fire trucks. Fire Chief Cherie Rita stated, "We are very grateful to Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Doyuti T'uhkana for this grant. For small departments such as ours who are struggling with limited budgets to meet day-to-day operational needs, let alone replace aged apparatus, the receipt of this grant is tremendously welcome. District funds that would have otherwise been used to replace the two old and outdated trucks can now instead be used to purchase other much-needed equipment and supplies." Assistant Chief David Stiles, Operations and Apparatus Chief, said, "The receipt of these funds will allow us to replace two apparatus that we have been working hard to keep operational for the past few years. This kind of partnership is something that helps small departments, like us, continue to provide quality services to our residents. We are very fortunate to have the support of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Doyuti T'uhkana." The grant will be used to replace a 1994 Mac Engine and 1997 Ford Brush Truck. Those two apparatus provide rapid, initial response to fires, vehicle accidents, emergency medical incidents and other calls for service within the district and when providing mutual aid to neighboring agencies.

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