

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

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Camino, CA, March 9, 2022 – El Dorado County Fire Protection District Paramedics have a new tool to help manage patients more efficiently than before. Today, Firefighters placed into service ZOLL X Series Advanced monitor/defibrillators, replacing existing equipment with this new standardized and updated technology.

The purchase was made possible by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the US Department of Homeland Security. El Dorado County Fire Protection District's award was included in a successful regional grant application submitted by Captain Joel Warman of the Rescue Fire Protection District. The grant awarded \$817,890 within the county of which over \$400,000 went towards El Dorado County Fire Protection District's ten new monitor/defibrillators. The District contributed a ten percent grant match to complete the purchase.

These monitor/defibrillators will be used primarily on the District's fire engines and will also see special use by the District's tactical EMS (TEMS) paramedics, fireline (EMPF) paramedics and a Division Chief in Coloma. The rural response areas of the District demand that front-line units arrive with the best EMS technology and skilled healthcare professionals to enhance prehospital outcomes for medical patients. These monitor/defibrillators will assist in obtaining patient vital signs, obtaining and transmitting 12-lead electrocardiograms, providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) feedback, and providing real-time clinical feedback for respiratory distress and traumatic brain injury patients. Integrations make sharing recorded information with hospitals and specialty receiving centers easy.

The El Dorado County Fire Protection District provides fire and EMS services in the communities of Placerville, Shingle Springs, Pollock Pines, Camino, Pleasant Valley, Cool, Coloma, Lotus, Pilot Hill, Pleasant Valley, Oak Hill, Strawberry, and Kyburz.



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