

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **SOUTHERN PLATTE EARNS FIREFIGHTER GRANT District Recognized for Fire Education, Prevention**

PARKVILLE, MO (March 10, 2014) – Proper fire prevention and on scene operations is paying off for one local fire district.

Southern Platte Fire Protection District has received attention in a competitive grant process and is being awarded a grant for \$1,200 to assist in the purchasing of specialized water appliances for their fire apparatus.

“This award recognizes the District and the frontline operations personnel for their work at providing the possible service to our citizens while making more affective operational decisions on the scene of a structure fire,” states Dean Cull, Division Chief for Southern Platte Fire Protection District.

Southern Platte applied for the grant a few months ago to the Missouri American Water Company. The grant was a competitive process with other fire departments. In their award letter, dated December 17<sup>th</sup>, it was stated “During our evaluation process, it is clear that your project will be a great benefit to the community.”

The District is using the grant award to assist in purchasing 6” gated intake valves for their fire pumper trucks. The District plans to purchase 3 of these units to put onto their “first due” fire pumper trucks, those that will hook to fire hydrants first. Prior to putting them into service Chief Cull said, “The firefighters will get appropriate training on them and drills will be conducted in order to ensure proficiency of the devices before they are put into working service.”

The Southern Platte Fire Protection District's four stations provide fire suppression, inspections, emergency medical assistance, hazardous-materials response, and public education for more than 37,000 citizens in Platte County, MO. The Southern Platte Fire

Protection District, which includes Parkville, Weatherby Lake, and Farley, is in one of the fastest-growing areas in the Kansas City metropolitan area. In addition to serving its own District, the department provides automatic-aid assistance to the Kansas City Fire Department and Riverside Public Safety.

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