



FOUNDATION
SERVING WOODSIDE,
PORTOLA VALLEY,
EMERALD HILLS, LADERA
LOS TRANCOS, SKYLINE
AND VISTA VERDE

WOODSIDE FIRE TO ADD IPADS TO ENGINES

WOODSIDE, Calif. – August 7, 2013 – The Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Protection Foundation announced it will fund the purchase of up to 12 Apple iPads for the Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) for use in emergency apparatus and staff vehicles. The iPads will be used for route mapping, pre-incident plans, home and business inspections, and incident responses. All San Mateo County Fire agencies and San Mateo County Public Safety Communications 911 Dispatch will adopt the same technology for improved interoperability across district boundaries.

WFPD Fire Chief Dan Ghiorso said, “We’ll have access to more up-to-date information, and we’ll be able to share that information with other agencies. This is key to effective response to both local emergencies and wide-spread disasters.” The iPads replace existing binders and map books, which will continue to be available as a back-up resource.

The deployment of a common device and applications is part of an eight-month-long development program, which will enable agencies to view all fire agency maps, to share call center dispatch data, and to share preplans, building floor plans indicating utility shut-offs, hazardous material locations, and occupant contact information among other things. Fire agencies will also be able to use applications specific to their jurisdictions.

In addition, the fire foundation allocated funds for the purchase of a trailer for the fire district’s emergency response vehicle (ERV), a prior foundation-funded item that WFPD has used throughout the hills of the district for off-road rescues. According to Ghiorso, “We’ve used the ERV very effectively within our district. We’d like to make it available farther north and west within our community and also make it available to neighboring communities.” The trailer will enable the district’s first responders to transport the ERV to a specific location more quickly, decreasing response time and improving the level of care.

The combined purchases of the iPads and trailer total \$20,500.

Established in 2009, the Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Protection Foundation works to augment the budget of the Fire District for up-to-date equipment, facilities, fire prevention and training. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Contact information: 650.851.1594 or info@FireDistrictFoundation.org.

###

Press Contact

Lorrie Duval, Board Member
Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Prevention Foundation
lorrie@saticoy.com

WOODSIDE-PORTOLA VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION FOUNDATION

3111 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062 | Tel 650.851.1594 Fax 650.851.3960

www.FireDistrictFoundation.org | info@FireDistrictFoundation.org

501(c)(3) #27-0815321