

Fire district awarded \$5,000 grant

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South Lane County Fire & Rescue has been selected by KPD Insurance of Springfield and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to be the first fire district in Oregon to receive a Fireman's Fund Heritage grant.

The \$5,000 award will be used to help fund the construction of a new forcible entry and confined space training prop.

Fire and rescue personnel need to know the proper way to enter locked or obstructed doors – from residential doors with dead bolts to heavy warehouse doors.

Confined space training allows firefighters to train in a small space with limited visibility, allowing them to get used to working in smoke-filled rooms.

Amy Richardson, Business Development Manager for Fireman's Fund, and KPD Insurance President Jim Ginger presented an oversized replica check at SLCF&R's June 21 board meeting.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company established the Fireman's Fund Heritage program to support local fire departments, national firefighter organizations and burn prevention nonprofit organizations.



From left, South Lane County Fire & Rescue board members Ron Taylor and Jerry Settlemeyer; Fire Chief Dan Olsen; Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Business Development Manager Amy Richardson; Jim Ginger, President of KPD Insurance; SLCF&R board members Marc Lund, John Petty and Mike Fleck. Photo Helen Hollyer

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