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STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEARLY \$1M FEMA GRANT

STOCKTON, Calif. – On Thursday, February 20, 2020, the Stockton Fire Department will hold a formal ceremony to accept a \$958,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The check presentation will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Stockton Fire Company No. 2, 110 W. Sonora St. All members of the community and the media are welcome to attend.

The FEMA grant funding will be used to train members of the Stockton Fire Department as paramedics. It has been awarded through the FEMA 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program and will provide paramedic training for approximately 10 current firefighters. The training will allow the Stockton Fire Department to continue to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical care to the citizens of Stockton, which enhances the safety of the public.

“All calls for service can potentially become medical calls, no matter what the emergency,” shared Stockton Fire Chief Richard Edwards. “We are first on the scene when those life-saving moments make the greatest impact for a more positive outcome. It is essential that we have as many firefighters as possible trained as paramedics.”

The training will be provided by Northern California Training Institute (NCTI) (a

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subsidiary of American Medical Response, Inc.). NCTI was established in 1988 and has over 30 years of experience as a paramedic program provider and leader in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education. Training for the Stockton Firefighters will begin in March and takes approximately one-year to complete.

For additional information, please contact the Stockton Fire Department Administration Office at (209) 937-8801.

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