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For the second consecutive year, the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District has been selected by the Illinois Department of Public Health to receive an applied for grant. This year's award of \$2,750 is committed to purchasing EMS (Emergency Medical Services) training equipment. This will allow our department paramedics to enhance their skills and knowledge by performing treatments and practicing skills on a training simulator. This simulator mannequin will allow paramedics to perform skills and treatments while providing real time feedback. The simulator can be programmed to mimic the many different types of patient conditions paramedics may encounter.

Last years grant of \$2,717.51 assisted in the purchase of two CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machines. These machines assist congestive heart failure (CHF) patients with breathing. Oxygen is pushed deep into the patients lungs displacing the fluid build up caused by the CHF. These machines have been in use by our department for about 6 months, and every CHF patient they have been used on, has stated an improvement in their breathing.

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