



Filling a Critical EMS Need

“Last October, a woman visiting Angel Fire suffered cardiac arrest and was rushed to the fire station. Thankfully, with our new, reliable monitor, we were able to resuscitate and transport her to Taos,” explained John Murtagh, Angel Fire Chief of Fire and EMS.

Murtagh was referring to two new Lifepak 15 cardiac monitors the Fire and EMS Service was able to purchase last August with a \$26,235 matching grant from the Loving Family Memorial Fund administered by the Angel Fire Community Foundation.

The state-of-the-art monitors were critically needed to replace the station’s three outdated, mechanically unreliable units. As Murtagh described in the grant application, “I recently went on an emergency call that involved a person with chest pain, and while this had a good outcome, the person went into cardiac arrest in my presence. The cardiac monitor I was using failed. Imagine trying to evaluate a person in an emergency condition, make good decisions regarding their care, work quickly to revive them, and then have to troubleshoot an equipment failure at the same time.”

Murtagh is thrilled with the new monitors. “They are a multi-faceted tool. We use them daily for everything from monitoring blood pressure and oxygen saturation to defibrillation, cardiac pacemaker, and even send data via Bluetooth to an emergency room. The monitors are a dynamic piece of equipment and an absolute necessity here.”

The Loving Family Memorial Fund as administered by the Angel Fire Community Foundation is pleased and honored to have helped make the purchase of these monitors possible, so vital to the health and welfare of the Angel Fire EMS service area.

For more information on the Angel Fire Community Foundation and its services to the community, please go to angelfirecommunityfoundation.com. The Foundation is happy to establish a donor advised fund for individuals or families — local or out-of-state — interested in fulfilling vital needs in our community.



John Murtagh, Angel Fire Chief of Fire and EMS demonstrating one of the new Lifepak Cardiac Monitors

Mission

Angel Fire Community Foundation strives to Improve the quality of life for residents and visitors in the Moreno Valley. The Foundation helps connect donors’ charitable giving goals with vital community needs while taking advantage of optimal tax benefits.

Ways to Give

There are a variety of methods and forms of charitable giving. In all cases, the donor can direct gifts to general areas of interest or to specific charitable organizations.

Ways to Receive

The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit community based organizations for projects in the Moreno Valley communities.