

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- Funds for large training facility CIP projects including the acquisition of fixed assets, props and buildings.

CURRENT NEEDS

- Replacement burn building - \$500,000
- Vehicle fire prop - \$30,000
- Recirculating water system - 2 million



How can you participate?

HRFTF happily accepts members from all backgrounds and experience who want to assist the fire services in the region.

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A non-Profit corporation which supports the Fire and Emergency response communities within San Diego's east county.

WHO WE ARE

The Heartland Regional Fire Training Foundation (HRFTF) was incorporated October 13, 2011 to establish a non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation that will support various Heartland Fire Training Authority programs. These programs provide education, training, prevention, and enforcement opportunities to firefighters, cooperative response agencies, and members of the public to enhance life in the communities we serve. The Community extends from the Eastern border of San Diego City to the County Line at Imperial County.

The Heartland Fire Training Authority (HFTA) JPA consists of Fire Departments from the Cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Santee; The Fire Protection Districts of Alpine, Bonita Sunnyside, Lakeside, and San Miguel; The Viejas and Barona Reservation Fire Departments; and The San Diego County Fire Authority, and CAL-FIRE.



The benefit of a shared training center is crews from these member departments train together which improves working together on incidents in the field. Working together greatly enhances service delivery to the public as all agencies send the closest unit regardless of jurisdiction. This includes training for individual fire companies and large intra-agency exercises. These include:

- Intra-operability training between agencies from various disciplines
- Instructor-led training that requires students to demonstrate via testing their grasp of knowledge of the training material, that leads to certification
- Sponsorship of specialized emergency response training classes such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

DONATIONS

The HRFTF has little to no overhead which means 99% of your donation goes straight toward its intended purpose. Benefactors can give donations specifically to assist these programs by indicating your preferences when making your donation. Here are some of the programs we offer:

FIRE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

At least once a year HFTA offers a fire academy for individuals who are fire volunteers, reserves, and open enrollee college students. To assist students with financial hardships the HRFTF offers scholarships to help students realize their dreams of completing a firefighter 1 Academy. Scholarships are awarded at amounts up to \$1,500 per student, assisting them with academy costs or living expenses during the 5 month training program.

HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS PROGRAM

One of the newer missions of HRFTF is out reach to high school students. The goal of this program is to assist east county students consider a career in the fire service while encouraging them to seek higher education.

Our Foundation is actively pursuing a pathway to work program between east county high schools and Miramar College, a working partner of HRFTF and the closest Fire Science program to the area. We believe hiring local people in regional agencies creates a stronger bond between firefighters and the communities they serve.

