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LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE

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LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE AWARDED GRANT MONEY

Lincoln Fire & Rescue received notice that \$489,523 has been awarded to the department for the purpose of replacing communications equipment. This award is the first ever to the department under the Federal Fire Act grant which began in 2001 for the purpose of assisting the nation's first responders in the fire service. This money is being distributed as part of the thirty-first round of the 2003 grants approved by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as part of \$750 million distributed nationwide.

Lincoln Fire & Rescue has requested grant assistance each year since the inception of this program, but due to the overwhelming requests, no funding has been available until now.

The project is intended to replace both mobile and handheld radios used daily by department personnel who provided emergency services to the community. This award will be used to purchase approximately 140 portable and 65 mobile radios. The new equipment will allow secure communications and is capable of being interoperable with other agencies.

Please contact Assistant Chief John Huff at 441-8351 if you have any questions.