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Louisville fire wins EMS grant

LOUISVILLE, CO, July 15, 2008... The Louisville Fire Department has been awarded a state EMS Provider Grant to purchase patient care reporting software.

The money will allow Louisville Fire to upgrade from its paper patient care reports to a computerized system that allows for more consistent and efficient tracking of the medical services given on emergency calls. The software also will help Louisville Fire analyze the types of emergency calls received and measure how those calls unfolded.

"This grant is a great tool to help ensure the quality of our medical care and an opportunity for our physician advisors to receive real-time documentation," said Louisville Fire Chief Tim Parker.

The grant, administered through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, will pay \$13,969, or half the cost of the PCR software. The EMS Provider Grant program distributes \$2 million per year to emergency medical service providers across Colorado.

Funds for the grant program are generated by the Highway User Tax Fund, which was set up by the 1989 passage of Senate Bill 34, which is now a Colorado statute.

Following a review of several software programs, Louisville Fire chose High Plains Information Systems for its paperless patient care reporting.

The Louisville Fire Department provides fire suppression and prevention, rescue, emergency medical services and ambulance transports to 25,000 people in Louisville and unincorporated Boulder County. For more information, call 303-666-6595 or visit <http://www.louisvillefire.com>.