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#### **For Immediate Release**

### **CAMP VERDE FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVES LIFE-SAVING RESCUE TOOL**

Thanks to the award of a Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant, Camp Verde Fire District has received a Hurst LKE 55 Combi-tool. This device, an extrication tool commonly recognized as "jaws of life" is a portable, yet powerful tool that is capable of both cutting and spreading material quickly. The new tool is battery operated and does not require a separate power pack, allowing for portability and ease of use, especially in situations such as building collapse, confined space rescues and incidents where a vehicle has gone over an embankment and rescue personnel must make their way through hazardous terrain to reach those trapped in the vehicle.

Camp Verde Fire District already employs the use of similar tools on first response engines. The new tool will be placed on the first response ambulance. Its size allows it to be easily stowed in an ambulance compartment. Not only does the ambulance often arrive first on the scene of an accident, there are remote or primitive locations in our jurisdiction where a fire engine cannot go due to access. The prompt extrication of accident victims is critical and by distributing rescue equipment on multiple response apparatus, Camp Verde Fire can help ensure that the most effective resources arrive as quickly as possible.

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