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SYCAMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECIEVES \$1,000 GRANT

From the Allstate Foundation 2016 Helping Hands in the Community Grant Program

In late 2016, the Sycamore Fire Department applied for a grant from the Allstate Foundation 2016 Helping Hands in the Community Grant Program. To recognize personal community involvement, The Allstate Foundation awards \$1,000 grants to nonprofit organizations with Allstate agency owners, these grants are only available by invitation from the local Allstate agent. The Allstate Foundation is proud to invest in the local efforts of our Allstate agency owners and employees, who are passionate about their communities and have a keen understanding of what they need most. In 2015, Allstate, together with its employees, agency owners and The Allstate Foundation gave \$36 million to nonprofits across the nation and volunteered more than 250,000 hours. Since their founding in 1952, they have contributed more than \$400 million.

The grant proposal requested to fund fire investigation equipment and supplies to assist with the Sycamore Fire Department with the investigation and documentation of fires in the City of Sycamore and the Sycamore Fire Protection District. On January 6, 2017, representatives from the Patrick Shafer Allstate Agency in Sycamore presented the Sycamore Fire Department with a check for \$1,000 for the purchase of fire investigation related equipment. The Sycamore Fire Department is extremely grateful of the support of the Allstate Foundation 2016 Helping Hands in the Community Grant Program.

Photo identification from left to right - Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Saxton, Assistant Fire Chief Art Zern, Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Walker, Firefighter/Paramedic David VanDusen, Allstate Representatives Mike Baars, Pat Shafer and Steven Latimer, Fire Chief Peter Polarek, Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Maciejewski, Lieutenant Darrin Hepker, Firefighter/Paramedic John Pink, and Assistant Fire Chief Todd Turner.

