

Sycamore Fire Department Press Release

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COUNTRY Financial® Supports Sycamore Fire Department With Training Equipment Funding Through Operation Helping Heroes Donation

SYCAMORE, ILL (May 8th, 2019) – Four COUNTRY Financial Representatives were pleased to make a joint donation to the Sycamore Fire Department on May 8th, 2019. Craig Popp, Chris Patterson, Mike Shipley and Dan Howes are pleased to announce Sycamore Fire Department as a 2019 recipient of a \$3000 COUNTRY Financial Operation Helping Heroes Donation. Popp, Patterson, Shipley and Howes presented the donation to Sycamore firefighters to assist with the purchase of an Ecological Flame Generator, an environmentally friendly and cleaner way to provide fire extinguisher training. An Ecological Flame Generator operates on propane gas and produces powerful flames, but uses no hydrocarbons, is smoke-free, and emits no pollution.

“Our local firefighters go above and beyond, serving others selflessly and providing an invaluable service to our community,” said Popp. “COUNTRY Financial recognizes the work of our firefighters who put their lives on the line with each call to protect our community. With this Ecological Flame Generator, they will be able to efficiently and effectively teach our community members how to properly use fire extinguishers while being environmentally conscious.”

COUNTRY Financial initiated Operation Helping Heroes in 2015 to support non-profit events and programs that benefit active duty service members, veterans and their families. More recently, Operation Helping Heroes expanded to provide support for emergency first responders. In 2019, COUNTRY Financial and its representatives have already provided more than \$600,000 in donations to first responders and service members.

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L-R, Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Saxton, Deputy Fire Chief Art Zern, Dan Howes, Mike Shipley, Chris Patterson, Craig Popp, Fire Chief Peter Polarek, Firefighter/Paramedic Erik Carlson, Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Thompson, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Turner, Lieutenant Dan Marcinkowski

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If you have any questions regarding the Country Financial grant award, please contact Fire Chief Peter Polarek at 815-895-4514.

