

Sycamore Fire Department Press Release

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### **Sycamore Fire Department receives \$2,000.00 Monsanto Fund grant for radio communications equipment**

On Friday, June 23, 2017, the Sycamore Fire Department was presented with a \$2,000 check by Al Bauer of Monsanto on behalf of the Monsanto Fund. The \$2,000 grant came from the Monsanto Fund's 2017 Site Grant initiative and the funds will be used to purchase radio pagers, portable radios, and spare radio batteries. We believe that this grant will help facilitate the ability to recall emergency personnel when needed as well as provide for the primary radio communication needed at the scene of the emergency response. The Sycamore Fire Department is extremely grateful of the support of the Monsanto Fund's 2017 Site Grant initiative to enhance the Fire Department's ability to respond to emergencies.

Please see attached photo

Photo identification from left to right - Assistant Fire Chief Art Zern, Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Walker, Assistant Fire Chief Todd Turner, Al Bauer - Monsanto, Fire Chief Peter Polarek, Lieutenant Darrin Hepker, Firefighter/Paramedic John Pink.

### **About Monsanto Fund**

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. This year, the Monsanto Fund awarded more than \$1.4 million to nonprofit organizations through its site grant initiative to help address essential needs in rural communities. Nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$7.5 million through this program over the last five years. Visit the Monsanto Fund at [www.monsantofund.org](http://www.monsantofund.org)

