

Contra Costa County

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors

From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Date: February 10, 2015

Subject: Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) Program

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

RECEIVE a presentation of the Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) Program which provides emergency financial assistance to fire and natural disaster victims.

# **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

## **BACKGROUND:**

For victims of fire or other natural disaster, the aftermath can be devastating. Fires and natural disasters not only wreak havoc on the emotional state of its victims, but also their financial state. Often left with just the clothes on their back, victims of fire or other natural disaster are frequently in a panicked state when they realize that they have no money, no clothes, and nowhere to sleep through the night.

As part of its mission to provide victim assistance, the California Fire Foundation (\_

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Action of Board On: 02/10/2015 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER		
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VOTE OF SUPERVISORS		
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	Director Mary N. Piepho, Director	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.
	Karen Mitchoff, Director	ATTESTED: February 10, 2015
	Federal D. Glover, Director	David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
ABSENT:	John Gioia, Director	
Contact: Lon Goetsch, 925-941-3502		By: June McHuen, Deputy

#### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

www.CAFireFoundation.org) has launched the Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) program, which provides emergency financial assistance to fire and natural disaster victims.

The SAVE program aims to provide immediate short-term support in the aftermath of a fire or other natural disaster to displaced victims by distributing gift cards, in the amount of \$100, to eligible victims of fires or other natural disasters so they may purchase basic necessities such as food, clothing, or medicine.

This program is available to any officially organized fire department or district. The SAVE program is financed entirely through private and corporate donations made through the California Fire Foundation. Chevron, Inc. is a major corporate donor to the program.

## **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

This is a presentation item only. No action is required by the Board of Directors.

## **CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:**

No impact.