

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# **LODI FIRE FOUNDATION**

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



2024 was a meaningful year for the Lodi Fire Foundation—one marked by growth, generosity, and unwavering support for our mission. As Board Chair, I'm honored to reflect on the accomplishments we've made together in our continued effort to enhance the resources and wellbeing of the Lodi Fire Department and the community it serves.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our Board and volunteers, we were able to fund several critical initiatives this year. One of the most impactful was the purchase of the Department's first **cardiac monitor**—a major advancement as Lodi transitions from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support services. This device reads heart function, detects arrhythmias, and provides detailed printouts of vital signs in the field, improving emergency response and patient outcomes.

To support firefighter safety during wildland deployments across California, we also outfitted each **Strike Team member with single-layer wildland pants**. These pants meet PPE requirements set by Cal Fire, OES, and Federal agencies and are engineered for the extreme conditions faced during wildfires.

Understanding the emotional side of emergency response, we introduced **fire-rated teddy bears**—a comforting tool for children experiencing traumatic events. These bears provide a soft sense of security during distressing moments and help our firefighters offer compassion when it's needed most.

We also upgraded Wi-Fi technology in both Strike Team pick-up trucks, enhancing the Department's ability to communicate in remote and fire-prone areas. And in a continued commitment to firefighter health, two-person infrared saunas were installed at each station to aid in detoxification after exposure to smoke and hazardous materials—part of a growing national strategy to reduce cancer risk in the fire service.

On the community side, the Foundation proudly hosted its **4th Annual Golf Tournament** and **5th Annual Christmas Festival**—both of which were incredible successes. These events not only raise essential funds for our mission but bring the community together in support of our local fire personnel. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our **sponsors**, **donors**, **volunteers**, **and attendees** who make these events possible year after year.

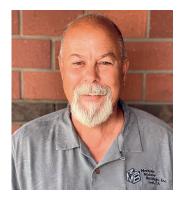
We also continued our support of one of Lodi's most beloved traditions—the **Santa Truck**—which continues to bring holiday cheer to families across the city and has become a symbol of unity and celebration during the Christmas season.

None of this would be possible without the outstanding men and women of the **Lodi Fire Department**. Their partnership, professionalism, and support have been instrumental in helping the Foundation grow and deliver meaningful impact. We are proud to stand alongside them.

As we look ahead, we are excited to continue building on this momentum. On behalf of the entire Board and the Lodi Fire Foundation, thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and helping keep Lodi safe and strong.

SINCERELY, CHRIS MEEHLEIS | BOARD CHAIR

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# 2025 **NEW MEMBERS**



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### **CARDIAC MONITOR**

The Lodi Fire Foundation funded the Lodi Fire Department's first cardiac monitor in an effort to support the transition from Basic Life Support services to Advanced Life Support services. This piece of equipment reads heart function arrhythmia and is able to give a detailed printout of vitals.

# WILDLAND PANTS

Single layer wildland pants were purchased for each Strike Team member. The pants align with personal protective equipment requirements set forth by Cal Fire, Office of Emergency Services, and Federal Fire Agencies. These pants are engineered for the needs of wildland firefighters and provide ultimate protection and are used when our firefighters are deployed to wildland fires throughout the state.

### **TEDDY BEARS**

Fire-rated teddy bears are used as a support tool for children that have experienced a traumatic event. They are used as a diversion from the occurrence and allow the child to hold on to something soft which also provides a level of comfort during a distressing time.

### **UPGRADED W-FITECHNOLOGY**

This technology was added to both Strike Team pick-ups to improve the ability to communicate in remote areas when deployed to wildfires.

## **DETOXIFICATION STATION**

Two-person Infrared saunas were placed at each station. Research has showed that that infrared saunas can be used for detoxification after exposure in a fire or hazmat situation. This has become a strategy used by fire departments across the country to mitigate cancer risk.

## **SANTA TRUCK**

The Lodi Fire Foundation also assists the City of Lodi with the upkeep of the Santa Truck which has become a Christmastime favorite in the Lodi community.



# **GOLFTOURNAMENT**

AT WOODBRIDGE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

In 2024, we hosted our 3rd Annual golf tournament presented by RPM Company held at Woodbridge Golf & Country Club.

Over 130 community members joined us to play a fourperson best ball scramble on a beautiful spring day. After the round finished, players enjoyed lunch catered by Woodbridge Golf & Country Club and margaritas served by Tia Linda's Margaritas. Participants







enjoyed the chance to win over 40 silent auction items generously donated by our community partners. Proceeds from this event funded critical safety equipment; including extractors and a Lucas Device.



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# We hope that you will join us again next year!

# Lodi Fire Foundation 2025 Golf Tournament Sponsorships





# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL





On December 7th, 2024, Lodi Fire Foundation hosted its fourth annual Christmas Festival. Thanks to the generosity of the community, last year's event was a huge success! We were able to raise \$55,000 which funded a cardiac monitor. This monitor will be used as the Lodi Fire Department transitions from a BLS (Basic Life Support) department into an ALS (Advanced Life Support) department. A free raffle for kids between the ages of 2 and 15 was held and 100 toys were given away to the winners. I have to say, last year was the best Christmas Festival to date and the Lodi Fire Foundation is excited to try and make it even better this year!

Save the date for 2025: Saturday, December 6th. See you there!













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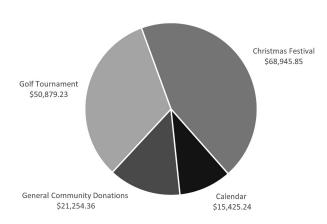
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# 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In 2024, we hosted many events and raised funds to financially support the Lodi Fire Department for safety equipment and health and wellness. Check out the chart below to see where your generous contributions went! We appreciate your consideration and your effort to support The Lodi Fire Foundation.

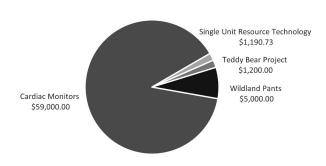
# SUMMARY OF DONATIONS

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# 5th ANNUAL

# Golf Tournament

Join us on May 4th, 2026 for our 5th Annual
Golf Tournament at Woodbridge Golf &
Country Club sponsored by California Urgent
Care. The proceeds of this event will be used
to support a variety of unfunded needs of the
Lodi Fire Department.

# WAYS TO GET CONNECTED



# DONOR **OPPORTUNITIES**

# **CASH GIFTS**

Donors may make cash gifts throughout the year. These are received in person, by mail and online. Gifts may be restricted for a specific purpose or unrestricted to use where needed.

## **IN-KIND GIFTS**

Lodi Fire Foundation receives donations of supplies, equipment and services from individuals and local companies supporting events and programs.

## **EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsor one or more annual events: the Golf Tournament or Christmas Festival. We have various levels of sponsorships opportunities available.