

WVDP presents checks for support to WV fire district, BCH and Mercy Flight

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Bertrand Chaffee Hospital recently received a \$5,000 check from the West Valley Demonstration Project as one of the valuable resources for WVDP employees and the surrounding community. Those present for the check dedication were (front row, from left) Dan Sullivan, Federal Project Director DOE-West Valley Demonstration Project; Kathy Paszkiewicz, JBR Representative to BCH Foundation; Teresa Donohue, BCH CFO; Lee Gordon, New York State Energy Research & Development Authority Sr. Project Manager; Calvin Batterson; and David Batterson, BCH Foundation Board member; (back row, from left) Bryan Bower, Director DOE-West Valley Demonstration Project; Ken Whitham, Vice President CHBWV Environmental, Safety, Health and Quality; Scott Anderson, CHBWV Deputy General Manager; Jeff Bradford CHBWV President & General Manager; Joel Maul, BCH Foundation; Nils Gunnerson, BCH CEO; and Edwin Heidelberger MD, BCH VP of Medical Affairs.

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Mercy Flight recently received a \$5,000 check from the West Valley Demonstration Project as one of the valuable resources for WVDP employees and the surrounding community. Those present for the check presentation were: (front row, from left) Dan Sullivan, Federal Project Director DOE-West Valley Demonstration Project; Ken Whitham, Vice President CHBWV Environmental, Safety, Health and Quality; and Ashley Coder, Director of Development and Special Events; (back row, from left) Jeff Bradford CHBWV President & General Manager; Bryan Bower, Director DOE-West Valley Demonstration Project; Paul Bembia Director NYSERDA; and Scott Anderson, CHBWV Deputy General Manager.

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WEST VALLEY — The West Valley Fire District No. 1, along with Bertrand Chaffee Hospital in Springville and Mercy Flight, was recently presented a check for its services on behalf of the West Valley Demonstration Project.

The fire district, which oversees fire and emergency services at the project site on Rock Springs Road, was given a \$70,000 check by officials from the U.S. Department of Energy, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and CH2MHLL BWXT West Valley LLC (CHBWV).

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital and Mercy Flight were given checks of \$5,000 each, as the hospital and its staff provide medical support and Mercy Flight provides air ambulance service to the project.

The checks were awarded for the services each provides to the West Valley Demonstration Project.

"We are fortunate to have these services available within our community should the need arise," said Jeff Bradford, CHBWV president and general manager. "It provides an extra level of security and safety to all our employees."

Shawn Lafferty, chairman for West Valley Fire District No. 1, said the funds are presented annually by the West Valley Demonstration Project, which he said is one of the only nuclear cleanup facilities without a paid fire department.

"It's definitely a win-win," Lafferty said. "They train and practice safety and that is a huge savings for everyone involved. Because they focus a lot on safety, they have a pretty stellar record.

"We are there just in case," he added.

The money awarded to the fire district is used for equipment, trucks and training for its members to provide essential services to the community, Lafferty said.

"For a volunteer organization we have fairly modern equipment and this is one of the reasons we can afford to do that," he said.

“The fire and emergency services provided are essential for the safety of the personnel at the West Valley Demonstration Project,” said Paul Bembia, program director at NYSERDA. “We appreciate the time and dedication of these first responders and medical staff, who are ensuring that those working at the project and in the surrounding community receive outstanding care now and in the case of an emergency.”

The \$5,000 checks to Bertrand Chaffee Hospital, which is the nearest hospital from the West Valley Demonstration Project, and Mercy Flight are also for services the two organizations provide employees at the project.

“Mercy Flight provides air ambulance service to the project site,” said Bryan Bower, WVDP Director for the U.S. Department of Energy. “All three organizations take part in joint emergency planning and onsite drills to ensure readiness. The employees of WVDP appreciate their continued commitment.”

Officials from the DOE, NYSERDA and CHBWV on behalf of the West Valley Demonstration Project recently awarded the checks to officials with the West Valley Fire District No. 1, Bertrand Chaffee Hospital and Mercy Flight in separate ceremonial presentations.