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Fire Department Receives \$1,500 Donation

The Branson Fire Department received a \$1,500 donation from Dr. Joy Watson and her husband Tom representing their business Healing Tree Health Club and the Lazarus Foundation.

Dr. Watson operates the Healing Tree Health Club with locations at the Victorian Village in Branson and in the community of Berryville, Arkansas. There they offer its members advanced holistic health care by offering the latest leading edge technology for personalized therapies and education.

The Watsons have expressed a desire to provide funds to fire department to purchase items to enhance the safety of the firefighters at fire rescue incident and to provide funds for specialized equipment. "We are so thankful for the services our firefighters provide in our community and we want to give just back in a way that will keep them safe and provide equipment for special types of rescues," stated Dr. Watson.

This is the fourth year the Watsons have made a donation to the fire department. "We have been able to use these funds to purchase safety resources and equipment to improve the technical rescue capabilities of the fire department," stated Fire Engineer Jason Bruck. The fire department has used previous funding from the Watson's to purchase equipment including a SKEDCO Tri-pod used to provide a stable point to insert rescue personnel into various types of technical rescue operations and a dry suit to protect firefighters entering cold or contaminated waters for rescue operations including incidents during the recent flooding along Lake Taneycomo.

The Fire Department is grateful for the support of Dr. Joy Watson.



Branson Fire Department Engineer Jason Bruck accepts a check from Dr. Joy Watson and her husband Tom, along with Fire Chief Ted Martin