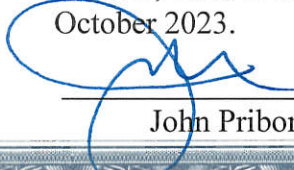


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Jeff Cochran has proven himself to be one of the greatest assets to the Stow Fire Department and to the City of Stow; and,
- WHEREAS,** In 2009 Lieutenant Cochran took over the Fire Departments grant writing program and since that time, has acquired over Two Million Dollars in federal and state funds for the purchase of fire and EMS equipment; and,
- WHEREAS,** As a result of Lieutenant Cochran's request for funds under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants program, the Fire Department was awarded funding to pay for five new firefighters hired in 2011; and,
- WHEREAS,** In 2011 Lieutenant Cochran saw a need for improved and updated heart monitors and successfully penned a grant which allowed for the purchase of five new Lifepak 12 heart monitors at a cost of \$142,710.00; and,
- WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Cochran has successfully won grants to help fund 31 replacement sets of firefighting gear totaling \$78,988.00; and,
- WHEREAS,** With the 2015 grant, Lieutenant Cochran acquired funds for new Self-Contained Breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the entire department totaling \$254,820.00; and,
- WHEREAS,** In 2018 Lieutenant Cochran acquired funding to install diesel exhaust evacuation systems at each fire station using both FEMA and state funded BWC grants. Also, because of his efforts, the Stow Fire Department received federal funding for the replacement of five thermal imaging cameras (TICs) in 2019; and,
- WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Cochran has sought multiple grant sources to fund the purchase of power cot systems for ambulances, vehicle extrication equipment, and various pieces of equipment used for training in our EMS division; and, most recently Lieutenant Cochran won funding for SCBA station air compressors, an award of \$240,352.35.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, and the Stow Fire Department are truly grateful to Lt. Jeff Cochran for using his exceptional grant writing skills to benefit the City of Stow. In all, Lieutenant Cochran's efforts have caused a total of \$2,218,042.46 in federal and state grants to be awarded to the Stow Fire Department. He has truly earned a name for himself in this city along with the respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters. Thank you, Lt. Cochran, and congratulations!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 26th day of October 2023.



John Pribonic, Mayor

