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City of Lyons Awarded GMA Safety and Liability Management Grant Press Release

Lyons Awarded \$4,200 to purchase safety equipment for the Lyons Fire Department

The City of Lyons is proud to announce it applied for and received a Safety Grant for \$4,200.00 toward the purchase of Turnout Coats, Turnout Pants, Helmet, Gloves, Long Hoods, Gear Bag and Bunker Boots from the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). These items will be utilized by the Lyons Fire Department to protect its Volunteer Firefighters. James Brent (GMA marketing Field Representative) presented the check to Mayor Willis NeSmith Jr., City of Lyons Fire Chief Darel Corley and Safety Coordinator Lauren Kight on December 13th, 2018. Lauren Kight along with Fire Chief Darel Corley applied for the grant mid-2018 with the hope of updating protective gear currently used by the fire department. Chief Darel Corley has noted an increase in Volunteerism at the Lyons Fire Department and attributes this increase to the new efforts for recruitment and support from the City. This is Lauren's second safety grant award. She also participated in the safety training program through GMA. Lauren stated that the support from GMA allows all City departments to focus on safety throughout the workday. Many of our departments participate in dangerous and injury-ridden activities from water line repairs to fighting structure fires. The City values human life and takes advantage of opportunities to protect it.



The GMA Safety and Liability Management Grant program was introduced in 2000 to provide a financial incentive to assist members in improving their employee safety and general public liability loss control efforts through training and the purchase of equipment or services. Since the inception of the program over 130 cities have received grant money through the program, over 500 grants were approved totaling nearly \$1.5 million to fund items such as bulletproof vests, training videos, confined space entry equipment, reflective safety vests, fire department turnout gear, and police department in-vehicle video systems. These grant funds have helped leverage the purchase of over \$2.6 million in this type of equipment and training.

The Safety and Liability Management Grant program is made available to members of GMA's property and liability insurance program (the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency) and GMA's workers' compensation insurance program GMA Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund.

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to its over 500-member cities.