



# SAN MATEO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## San Mateo County Fire Department Purchases Life-Saving Equipment

**PESCADERO, CA** - The San Mateo County Fire Department has purchased \$40,000 worth of new hydraulic Holmatro vehicle extrication equipment for the Pescadero community, which is covered by San Mateo County Fire Station 59.

The new, high-tech gear is critical for use on newer, high tensile-strength metals that are used to make newer vehicles. The new tools arrived Monday, January 6, 2020, and will go into service this week. Crews have already been trained on the new gear, which replaces the old vehicle extrication equipment. During vehicle accidents, first responders use this equipment to cut open cars, remove doors, and reach patients more quickly. These tools are critical to free trapped patients from vehicle accidents.

The equipment was purchased as a part of the San Mateo County Fire Department's 6-Year Operating Plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2019.

Additional photos can be found at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sanmateosantacruzcalfire/>



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