

CIE donates money to Marion Fire Dept.

Donation to pay for 6 new gas detection monitors

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Central Indiana Ethanol presented the Marion Fire Department with a \$2,200 check Friday that will be used to purchase six new gas detection monitors.

Fire Chief Paul David said the monitors could be used in tunnels, "and for the water treatment plant, because they deal with that type of stuff."

Jeff Harts, a member of CIE's contributions and donations board, said he was, "grateful for the opportunity ... to provide equipment to make it safer for firefighters."

David said two of the department's detectors are non-functional, so they requested the money from CIE.

"We received their request about four weeks ago," Harts said.

The fire department will have the new monitors within 30 days, David said, and



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DONATION — Central Indiana Ethanol donated more than \$2,200 to the Marion Fire Department Friday morning. The money will pay for six new gas detection monitors. *Make this image yours. Go to www.chronicle-tribune.com.*

CIE CEO Ryan Drook said he was thrilled his company could support a worthy and valuable organization like the fire department.

CIE controller Shelly Obenchain, another member of CIE's contributions board, said the company consistently donates about \$150,000 per year "for education and to support the community."

CIE donated \$5,000 to the

Marion senior center Jan. 1, "to help cover the shortfall from the budget shortcoming they had," Obenchain said.

She said they also donated money in 2012 so the Grant County Sheriff's Department could purchase a drug-detecting dog.

David said the next items the department needs funding for are defibrillators for

their fire trucks.

CIE, located at 2955 W. Delphi Pike, was founded in July 2005 and began production in June 2007, according to company materials. Sixty percent of their deliveries are by truck and the other 40 percent are by rail; they have 48 employees, and they produce 140,000 gallons per day (50 million gallons per year) of ethanol.