



Reservation street sign project begins



Jimmie Scott, of Whiteriver Fire & Rescue, put up the first new street sign on the reservation at Chief & Manzanita. All signs should be in place by the end of March. Project duration will be 3 years, which includes house numbers for every home.

ensure the safety for all reservation residents from numerous sources. Kenny Hicks, Brian Johnson, and Jeff Dickson, Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health, worked with Lee Wagenfehr, White Mountain Apache Tribal Grant Writer, to secure the grant for the project.

The street signs and house numbers will not only be used by residents as an identification to their property but will also be used by emergency personnel to locate persons during an emergency situation. It is important for the safety of everyone that the house numbers and street signs be maintained and not be vandalized or destroyed.

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The first street sign for the new address system on the reservation was installed in front of the Whiteriver Fire Department last week. The installation of this sign designates the first phase of the 911 Street Address System Project. The project was made possible by an Indian Health Service grant in the amount of \$45,000 and additional funding provided by other agencies. The grant was awarded for a three-year period with several implementation phases.

The address system will include street signs for all streets on the reservation and house numbers for each housing unit. House numbers will be provided, and installed by project staff so that the numbering system will be uniform and placed correctly on the unit. The project will include public information meetings concerning the new street names; correct use of the 911 Emergency System, and other information concerning this project.

Paul Kuehl, Whiteriver Fire Chief, stated that he is extremely pleased that the grant was awarded for the address system and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Indian Health Service for their assistance in obtaining the needed funds. He has been working on the emergency address system for several years and had attempted to secure the necessary funding and equipment needed to

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