



## New Year, New Training for CVFD

Members of the Chula Vista Fire Department (CVFD) are constantly training and advancing their life saving skills to be prepared to serve the residents and businesses of Chula Vista. Recently, the Department provided staff training in two new areas: Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) and Spanish Medical language.

With the purchase of a grant funded UTV, CVFD firefighters are now able to access remote areas to quickly locate and render aid to victims. All fire personnel obtained specialized training on the UTV to ensure our fire crews operate safely and effectively. CVFD partnered with Sunbelt Rentals and Côtà Vera at Otay Ranch for the training. [Learn more in the video.](#)



Another great service is being provided by CVFD Paramedic and EMS educator Paul Maxwell, who is training Chula Vista Emergency Medical Services and Fire personnel in Medical Spanish. The training offers a way to better communicate with patients in our Spanish speaking community. Staff is learning basic Spanish and medical terms so they can communicate with patients and/or family members. Maxwell says, "we don't want to be in a situation where no Spanish speaker is available. Many patients are more comfortable speaking Spanish."

Thank you, CVFD, for being so proactive in your service to Chula Vista!