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## Premier Solutions' donation will help save farmers from grain bin accidents

**SABINA, Ohio** – Farmers in parts of Clinton and Fayette counties can breathe a little easier knowing that local emergency officials have a piece of equipment to rescue them if they're in a grain bin accident. Premier Solutions has donated a \$3,200 grain rescue tube that emergency medical officials can have on hand if someone becomes engulfed in grain. The purchase includes training for EMS officials.

"The goal is to provide this equipment to anyone in the area for rescue in a grain bin accident," said John Surber, president of Premier Solutions, which offers a wide range of agricultural and marketing services across the region.

The RES-Q tube, purchased from Assumption, Ill.-based GSI, aids in rescue during a grain engulfment if a portion of the victim is above the grain, and if the grain surrounding the victim is higher than the exposed portion of the victim. The tube is made of lightweight aluminum for ease of transport and use, according to GSI, which bills itself as the world's largest manufacturer of steel farm bins, commercial storage grain bins and grain silos.

The equipment will be housed by the SRWW Joint Fire District, but will be available to other nearby departments as needed.

"The grain tube safety equipment is a very handy tool to have," SRWW Chief Chuck Gaskins said. "We hope to never need it."

Representatives from four different EMS departments and CareFlight attended the four-hour classroom and hands-on training in October presented by the GSI. Departments covering surrounding areas were invited to participate as well. SRWW is purchasing additional ropes, harnesses, and safety equipment to use in rescues.

With 18 volunteers, the SRWW Joint Fire District covers 88 square miles, including Sabina, Richland Township, Wilson Township, and Wayne Township.

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