



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of February 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Hawleyville Fire Dept.- 34 Hawleyville Rd. Newtown Ct. 06470

Meeting Opened By: Pat Reilly, Chairman at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Ron Bolmer, Tim Whelan, Jeff Dugan, Jay Nezvesky, Bob Kick

Marshal's Present: Rich Frampton, Dave Ober, Jamilynn Zapata and Steve Murphy

Chiefs Present: Chris Ward, John Basso, Bill Halstead, Steve Murphy

Chairman's Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 28, 2019

Motion made to accept made by: Jeff Dugan

Seconded by: Tim Whelan

Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence from the Board: Pat Reilly sent First Selectman Dan Rosenthal an email pertaining to the additional \$12,000 that was cut from the day time drivers budget at the Selectman's Meeting of 2/4/19.

Correspondence to the Board: From First Selectman Dan Rosenthal- explaining that they needed more information to support the Paid Drivers for Hawleyville and Dodgingtown.

From Dan Rosenthal- Safer Grant information- see attached

Public Participation: None

Marshal's Report: - Reported by FM Rich Frampton -see attached

Marshal's Remarks: None

Purchasing Agent: None

Combined Chiefs: No meeting

Reports from Standing Committees

- **Policy & Procedures Committee:** Nothing to report

- **Radio & Hydrant Committee:** Nothing on Radio-

Hydrant- Ron Bolmer reported that he has had contact with the residents at 143 Currituck Rd. across from Butterfield Rd. and they are very interested in the possibilities of the town installing a dry hydrant in their pond. Mike McCarthy (NUSAR) will look into it and if it is feasible then get a quote from Jon Bond for installing the hydrant.

- **Truck Committee:** Tim reported that Haleyville's Tanker Committee has started the process and there will be a meeting next week.
- **Budget Committee:** Jay reported that there is a board of finance meeting on Wednesday Feb. 27th. Pat and Jay both hope that the Chiefs will attend this meeting to answer any questions that may come up.
- **NUSAR** –Mike McCarthy stated that Mitch Bolinsky has brought back to the table the Workman's Comp HB-6116 that supports Workman's Comp for NUSAR. He would appreciate the Fire Departments support in the form of a letter supporting the HB-6116.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk



**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) ANNOUNCEMENT
AND APPLICATION AVAILABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 2018
STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
(SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM**

APPLICATION PERIOD TO OPEN

To: Members of Congress

From: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Subject: Fiscal Year 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response
(SAFER) Grant Program

Date: February 14, 2019

Pages: 1

Comments:

This serves as notification that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will release the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on Friday, February 15, 2019. The application period for the FY 2018 SAFER Program will open on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 8 am EST and will close on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 5 PM EST.

Congress, in the FY 2018 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (Pub. L. No. 115-141) appropriated \$350,000,000 for the SAFER Grant Program for the Department to assist fire departments and volunteer interest organizations in increasing the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The SAFER Grant Program seeks to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to better respond to emergencies and assure communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

The NOFO and technical assistance documents for this program are available at www.grants.gov, and at www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants.

Contact Information:

For applicants requiring assistance, please visit www.fema.gov/grants or contact the AFG Help Desk 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday at firegrants@fema.gov or 1-866-274-0960. For Congressional inquiries, contact Chris Rizzuto at 202-786-9450, Andrew White at 202-786-9650, or Kennedy Greenwood at 202-447-5848.



Homeland Security

FY 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Overview

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program is designed to strengthen the nation's ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards and improve the nation's overall level of preparedness. The SAFER Program is appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018* (Pub. L. No. 115-141) and authorized by Section 34 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 2229a). The goal of any SAFER grant is to enhance the ability of recipients to attain and maintain 24-hour fire department staffing and to better assure that their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

For Fiscal Year 2018, the DHS will award approximately \$350 million directly to fire departments and volunteer support groups to expand the number of firefighters available to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and all other hazards.

The SAFER Program is composed of two activities, the Hiring Activity and the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Activity. The objective of the Hiring Activity is to award grants directly to volunteer, combination, and career fire departments to help the departments increase the number of frontline firefighters in the fire department. The objective of the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters activity is to create a more favorable working environment for volunteer firefighters to encourage current volunteers to continue with their volunteerism as well as entice new volunteers to join. The primary focus of this Activity is to enlist or retain volunteer firefighters who are trained in the operations of firefighting and emergency response. Ultimately, the goal of the Recruitment and Retention Activity is to create a net increase in the number of trained, certified, and competent firefighters capable of safely responding to emergencies likely to occur within the fire department's geographic response area.

Funding

The SAFER Program makes available \$350 million in competitive grants to fire departments and statewide or local volunteer firefighter support groups. No less than 10 percent of the funding must be awarded for Recruitment and Retention activities and 10 percent of the funding is set aside for awards to volunteer or mostly volunteer fire departments for hiring firefighters.

Program Highlights

- The various activities that the SAFER program can fund are detailed below according to the type of eligible entity:

Career Fire Departments:

- Hiring of Firefighters

Combination Fire Departments:

- Hiring of Firefighters
- Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters

Volunteer Fire Departments:

- Hiring of New Firefighters
- Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters

Statewide or Local Firefighter Support Groups:

- Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters

- Funding for hiring of firefighters is limited to salaries and associated fringe benefits.
- There is no limit to the amount of federal funds that may be requested.
- There is no limit to the number of positions that may be requested for hiring new firefighters.

Eligible Applicants

Hiring of Firefighters Activity

Eligible Applicants: Volunteer, career, and combination fire departments are eligible to apply under the Hiring of Firefighters Activity. Municipalities and fire districts may submit applications on behalf of fire departments when the fire department lacks the legal status to do so, e.g., when the fire department falls within the auspices of the municipality or district. Each eligible applicant is limited to one application per application period. However, eligible applicants wishing to apply for funding in both the Hiring Firefighters and the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters activities must submit two separate applications.

Recruitment and Retention of Firefighters Activity

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility for this activity is limited to volunteer and combination fire departments (see “SAFER Grants Definitions” below). National, state, local, or tribal organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters and individual fire departments (volunteer or combination) may apply for assistance for regional projects. An individual fire department may act as a “host applicant” and apply for regional projects on behalf of itself and any number of neighboring fire departments. For example, a host applicant could apply for a regional media campaign promoting volunteerism.

SAFER Grants Definitions:

- A “fire department” is defined as an agency or organization that has a formally recognized arrangement with a state, territory, local, or tribal authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a fixed geographical area on a first-due basis.
- A “national, state, local, or tribal organization” is an organization that is in existence to support fire departments and firefighters through education, advocacy, etc. Such organizations include state or local firefighter and/or fire chiefs associations, fire department auxiliaries, volunteer firefighter relief organizations and associations.
- A “career fire department” is a fire department in which all members receive financial compensation for their services (organizations that provide reimbursement on a paid-on-call basis are considered to be a “volunteer fire department” for the purposes of this program).
- A “combination fire department” is a fire department in which at least one active firefighter receives full-time compensation for their services (paid-on-call is NOT considered full-time compensation) and/or at least one active firefighter does not receive financial compensation for their services, other than life and health insurance and workers’ compensation insurance.
- A “volunteer fire department” is an agency or organization in which no member receives financial compensation (salary, wages) for their services other than life and health insurance and workers’ compensation insurance. We consider a department to be “mostly volunteer” if more than 50 percent of its membership is made up of personnel who do not receive financial compensation for their services.

Career fire departments, combination fire departments, and volunteer fire departments are eligible to receive funding for the hiring of firefighters activity. Combination fire departments and volunteer fire departments are eligible to receive funding under the recruitment and retention activity. National, state, local, or tribal organizations are also eligible for recruitment and retention funding. Career fire departments may NOT receive funding under the recruitment and retention activity, and statewide or local organizations may NOT receive funding under the hiring of firefighters activity.

Program Coordination

The following entities were involved in developing the FY 2018 SAFER guidance:

- Department of Homeland Security:
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)
 - Grant Programs Directorate (GPD)
- Major Fire Service Organizations:
 - International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
 - International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
 - National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
 - National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM)
 - International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
 - International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI)
 - North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD)
 - Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI)

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

All complete and eligible applications are evaluated relative to SAFER Grant funding priorities. Answers to activity-specific questions as well as information submitted under the Department Characteristics section of the application will determine an application's standing relative to stated priorities. This initial evaluation assesses how closely each application matches the program's established priorities.

Applications most consistent with the SAFER Grant funding priorities score higher in the automated evaluation. Automated evaluation scores are combined with peer review evaluation scores to make up the total application score.

A minimum of three peer review panelists evaluate the applications using the Narrative Statement, answers to general questions, and answers to activity-specific questions. Each application is judged on its own merits against established criteria and is not compared to other applications.

Panelists will evaluate and score the following criteria:


1. Hiring of Firefighters Activity
 - a. Project Description
 - b. Impact on Daily Operations
 - c. Financial Need
 - d. Cost Benefit
2. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters
 - a. Project Description
 - b. Impact on Daily Operations
 - c. Financial Need
 - d. Cost Benefit

SAFER Resources

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions that can assist with SAFER.

- The FY 2018 SAFER Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is located online at: www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants as well as on www.grants.gov.
- You may also contact the SAFER Help Desk Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM ET by calling 1-866-274-0960 or via email at firegrants@fema.dhs.gov.

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	7	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	0	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	39	
	2. Site Inspections	7	
	3. C.O. Inspections	1	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	3	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	2	
F	OFFICE	115	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	6	
I	TRAINING	0	
J	PURCHASING	66	
O	OTHER-Rich	0	
O	OTHER-Steve	8	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	1	
	TOTAL	256	203
Rich			
Steve	Bank Deposit		
	Knox Box- building 600 (2), Ardi Court, Ethan Allen		
	Complaint- Height of Hydrant Old Green Rd.		
	Fire Drill CAC		
Dave			
Jami	Rankin - PU Clothes		
January 2019		Reporting Month	
		Marshal's Signature	

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	24	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	2				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	85				
BRUSH	2				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	2	VEHICLES			
C.O. DETECTOR	6				
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	4				
MUTUAL AID	3				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	2	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	16				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	7				
VEHICLES	0	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	11				
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	7				
CHIMNEY	2				
OTHER-(BOMB SCARE)	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	2				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	175				
		TOTAL \$			
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS			
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	66	66
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	33	33
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	32	32
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	14	14
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	59	59
				204	204

Fire Company's Calls 175

The Fire Marshals had 256 incidents and 203 Hours worked.

Permits: Oblasting \$00.00., 1 tanks \$20.00, 8 burn\$40.00, 0 reports \$0.00 Total \$60.00