



**Town of Farmington Fire Department  
1 Monteith Drive Farmington, CT 06032**

**Phone: (860) 675-2322 Fax: (860) 675-2323  
[www.Farmington-CT.org](http://www.Farmington-CT.org)**

September 20, 2018

Steve Hoffmann

Director of Fire & Rescue Services

860-675-2322

### **Town of Farmington Fire Department Receives SAFER Grant**

In March 2018, an application was submitted to FEMA for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) Grant through FEMA. This Grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The Grant was completed and submitted for one career firefighter to increase the career firefighter headcount in the Town of Farmington to nine career firefighters during the daytime hours. Currently, the career staffing for the Town of Farmington Fire Department is three career firefighters at two stations (East Farms & Tunxis) and two career firefighters at one station (Farmington) with staggered coverage between the hours of 6am to 5pm.

This Grant will allow us to not only provide an additional firefighter to meet the staffing need, but at an augmented cost over a 3-year period. With a national struggle to have available volunteer firefighters during the daytime hours in fire departments across the country, this will allow the Town of Farmington Fire Department to elicit an immediate response with proper staffing on the first due units for all calls for service. In addition, this will meet the NFPA 1720 guidelines, along with maintaining the OSHA Two in-Two out rule during peak hours and when volunteer firefighter availability is limited.

The Town of Farmington Fire Department has a force of 135 dedicated volunteer firefighters providing a valuable service to the community. These dedicated individuals



**Town of Farmington Fire Department  
1 Monteith Drive Farmington, CT 06032**

**Phone: (860) 675-2322 Fax: (860) 675-2323**

**[www.Farmington-CT.org](http://www.Farmington-CT.org)**

make great sacrifices to ensure they meet the training requirements, attend social events, conduct fundraising and respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, the struggles that departments face across the state of Connecticut, and the country, are the lack of availability of volunteers during the daytime peak hours when populations and calls volumes increase.

This SAFER Grant will provide a cost share of \$188,100 to pay for salary and benefits for the additional ninth firefighter. The first two years will be a 25% Town/75% Federal cost share and the third year will be a 65% Town/35% Federal Cost Share. Through a highly competitive application process, the Town of Farmington Fire Department was selected as a recipient for the SAFER Grant in a selection pool of fire departments from across the country.

###