



SAFER Grant Update

Public Safety Subcommittee
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Background

As presented during the August 22, 2023 City Council Meeting:

- Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response (SAFER)
- Grant funds are available for hiring firefighters for three-year period of performance
- Based on NFPA 1710 Structural Response Standards.
- No cost share or match during period of performance

On September 20, 2023, the Fire Department was awarded the grant:

- \$7.08M over 3 years, equating to \$2.3M per year
- Fund hiring of 12 new firefighter/paramedics
- 12 new FFs will staff 2- Advance Life Support Squads during peak hours
- During off-peak hours, squad personnel will be assigned to engine companies in 4 districts, to improve compliance with NFPA 1710

Grant Terms

Period of Performance:

- March 13, 2024 through March 12, 2027
 - New employees must be hired and program implemented by March 13
 - Funding will remain for three years
 - Annual reporting to FEMA required

Implementation Plan

Implementation Team:

- Joint Labor/Management effort led by the EMS Division
- 20 members of the Department
- Goals and Objectives:
 - Hiring and Onboarding
 - Apparatus and Equipment
 - Station Logistics
 - Operational Procedures
 - Reporting and Data Collection

First draft of Implementation Plan is due November 1

Current eligibility list has enough applicants, pending backgrounds

- Specific recruitment may be required

Questions?