



Wellfleet Fire Department



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WELLFLEET FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED SAFER GRANT

The Wellfleet Fire Department is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$292,300.00 from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for the hiring of two (2) new firefighter positions. The SAFER grant is intended to help local fire departments improve their staffing and deployment capabilities in order for them to respond to emergencies more effectively. The SAFER grant is awarded for a period of three years and will pay for 75 % of the salary and benefits for each of the firefighters in the first and second years of the grant, and, 35% of these costs in the third year.

Wellfleet Fire Chief Richard J. Pauley, Jr., was informed of the grant award by Senator Edward Markey's office on September 10th with the official award taking place on September 13, 2019. Chief Pauley stated "We are very pleased to have been selected for this grant award as the SAFER grant program is highly competitive with only about 300 grant applications awarded annually out of around 5,000.00 or more applications or requests."

Further, according to Pauley, these two (2) new firefighter positions are desperately needed as the Fire Department's call volume and complexity of workload increases. Funding for the two (2) new positions had been previously approved at the May, 2019, Annual Town Meeting, but, now with this grant, the positions will be partially funded by FEMA for the next three (3) years. Pauley, also stated "this award of this grant will allow us to greatly enhance the quality of the Department's capabilities with respect to fire and emergency medical services, while at the same time offsetting the costs to citizens and property owners in Town."

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