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WELLINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO ADD FIREFIGHTERS WELLINGTON, Colo – August 10, 2016, 11 a.m.

The Wellington Fire Protection District (District) has been notified that they have been selected to receive funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program. The District will receive \$687,030 from the SAFER Grant program. These funds, which will be allocated over the next two years, will be used to fund salaries and benefits for six new full-time firefighter positions. Wellington Fire Protection District was chosen from among thousands of applicants across the U.S. Currently the District has 32 volunteer firefighters, and a combination of 28 full and part time personnel.

Local fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations across the U.S. are eligible to apply for the SAFER Grant. Funds from the grant go directly to departments in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters. Funds from the grant program also go to ensure local departments are able to meet standards for staffing, response and operations established by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

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