



# SAFER Grant Award

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# Overview

- Provide background on SAFER grant program
- Demonstrate how this grant enhances department's ability to meet it's priorities and focus areas
- Present award for acceptance and approval



# Staffing For Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grant

- Grant through US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
- The SAFER grant program provides funding to fire departments to increase the number of firefighters to meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to protect communities from fire and fire related hazards.



# Grant Award

- Hanover County has been awarded a \$933,104 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. This money will be used to hire eight (8) firefighters. These positions will be placed at Station 6 on Truck 6. This is currently a 40 hour shift unit and the grant gives us the opportunity to take the Truck to 24/7 coverage.
- The period of performance of this grant is 1/7/2016 – 1/7/2018:
  - FY 16 = \$209,664
  - FY 17 = \$466,552
  - FY 18 = \$256,888



# SAFER Grant Requirements

- Award for 8 Firefighter Positions to be assigned to Truck 6 (Henry District). Assigned to the unit but may respond to any emergency at hand
- \$0 match required for 2 year grant performance period\*  
*(\*Uniforms/equipment addressed within Department budget)*
- Must maintain current operational service levels during the grant performance period
- County assumes funding responsibility for positions at conclusion of performance period



# Department History with SAFER

	Award Description	Funding Amount
<b>2005 SAFER</b>	12 Firefighters	\$1,200,000
<b>2005 SAFER</b>	Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Program	\$986,400
<b>2009 SAFER</b>	3 Firefighters	\$329,595
<b>2013 SAFER</b>	Volunteer Recruitment & Retention	\$390,859
<b>2014 SAFER (Pending)</b>	<i>8 Firefighters</i>	\$933,104
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$3,839,958</b>

# Ladder Truck Company

- Rapid rescue of entrapped occupants
- Control air movement in the fire building
- Forcible entry and access
- (4) Personnel Truck 6 – August 2014 (1/3 of actual need for the single resource)
- Staffed during peak hours; 4 days a week, 7a-5p



# Continued Need for Ladder Truck Company Staffing

- Truck 6 had 158 responses in 2014 and is a critical component of our emergency response.
- There were 441 calls in 2014 where an Engine Company responded without the assigned Ladder Truck Response



# Recommendation to Board

- Approve appropriation of \$209,664 in FY16 and accept \$933,104 SAFER Grant and authorize eight (8) Firefighter/Medic positions as described in the grant award.
- Finance and Management Services and Human Resources concurs.

