



**CITY OF BEVERLY  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Fire District No. 1**

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**BEVERLY CITY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
AWARDED \$241,040 SAFER GRANT FROM FEMA**

The City of Beverly Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1 was recently informed that it has been awarded with a \$241,040 SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) Grant from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Board Chairman Paul Bent made the announcement and thanked FEMA, Congressman Andy Kim for his support, Fire Chief George Meredith, and all those who assisted in preparing and submitting the grant application. Chairman Bent said that the competition for the grant was fierce with approximately 300 awards will be granted nationwide. He said he was proud of the volunteers and their selfless willingness to help others in need 24/7. The objective of the SAFER Program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The SAFER Grant provides federal funding directly to fire departments to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

Fire Chief George Meredith stated that he was very appreciative of the award and thanked FEMA for the grant. "We are an all volunteer department and we provide our members with training, uniforms, equipment and other benefits at no cost. This federal funding will support our recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters for duty crew shifts. I am very happy to be able to provide another benefit to our volunteers who put their lives on the line every day and night to protect and serve our community and our visitors. With this grant we will be able to enhance our staffing levels and expect to experience a reduction in response times and an increase in the number of trained personnel at an incident scene."

Anyone interested in joining the Beverly City Fire Department as a Junior Firefighter, Firefighter, Fire Police or Support Staff can contact the Department via its website: [www.beverlycityfire.com](http://www.beverlycityfire.com), email: [applicant@beverlycityfire.com](mailto:applicant@beverlycityfire.com) or calling:(609) 747-4091.