



El Paso Fire Department News Release

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SAFER Grant awarded to the El Paso Fire Department

EL PASO, TEXAS – Fire Chief Otto Drozd III is please to announce the initial notification from the Department of Homeland Security that the El Paso Fire Department has been awarded \$2,177, 080 from the Fiscal Year 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.

The purpose of this SAFER grant is to provide funding directly to fire departments to help them increase the number of trained, “front-line” firefighters available in their communities. The grant will assist the El Paso Fire Department in efficiently addressing the demands of community growth and a steady increase in emergencies, while meeting nationally recognized standards for safe and effective staffing.

SAFER grants are administered to enhance the ability of grantees to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. Ultimately, Safer grantees should achieve more efficient responses and a safer incident scene.

The El Paso Fire Department was selected from over 1,700 applicants for the SAFER grant, and one of only 16 in Texas.

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