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Turn of River Fire Department is Awarded FEMA Grant for Manpower

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The Turn of River Fire Department is pleased to announce that it has received \$2,887,200 from FEMA under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants program for manpower. The award will allow Turn of River to hire 24 career firefighters to supplement our staff of volunteer firefighters for 24 hour, 7 day per week, year-round coverage at both of our stations for two years. There is no monetary match for this grant. Our primary goal is to work with the City of Stamford to ensure firefighters are assimilated into the combined fire system of the City of Stamford.

The application process for new hires will be announced at a future date and will follow hiring practices outlined by FEMA. "I am extremely appreciative of FEMA for funding a manpower grant on our behalf, which will enable us to supplement our staff of volunteer firefighters at Turn of River Fire Department with a compliment of career firefighters. I believe this is the final piece of the puzzle in forming a viable combined fire system in the City of Stamford, which also gives us the opportunity to fully integrate the operation of our department with our neighboring communities to make everyone safer," said Chief Frank Jacobellis.

Turn of River Fire Department remains one of the most successful fire departments in the State of Connecticut when it comes to being awarded federal grants. To date, Turn of River Fire Department has been awarded more than \$6,000,000 in grants.

For further information, please contact Chief Frank Jacobellis at (203) 322-2555, Ext. 5.

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