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## Town of Nolensville

### **Nolensville Fire & Rescue Recipient of Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**

NOLENSVILLE – The Town of Nolensville and Nolensville Fire & Rescue were honored as a recipient of a Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant awarded for the Fiscal Year 2021 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The department is being awarded \$1,153,464, to be received over a 3-year period, that will be used for the hiring of 6 new firefighters the Town needs to raise our daily staffed numbers while working in conjunction with our mutual aid departments to reach the NFPA standards.

The SAFER Grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help communities meet industry minimum standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720). As well as attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire, fire-related hazards and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

The Town of Nolensville started providing fire protection in July of 2021 and has worked diligently to build a full-time combination department that provides the best service and response that a town of our size needs and deserves. Town Manager, Victor Lay, stated “Faster response times really matter when YOU are the one waiting. Having the additional personnel paid for by this grant will provide better service at minimal cost to residents.”

With the growth over the recent years both commercially and residentially, the department needs to catch up to reach the recommendations and be proactive to raise our already high standards of excellence.

As the Town advances towards a new station, the additional personnel will be necessary to adequately staff the apparatus for emergency response. Fire Chief, David Windrow stated “The pursuit of this grant fulfills our mission to provide effective and efficient delivery of fire and rescue services to the residents.”

The Board of Commissioners will formally accept the grant by resolution at the October 6th board meeting.

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