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#### **For Immediate Release**

### **CAMP VERDE FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SAFER GRANT TO HIRE MORE FIREFIGHTERS**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced during the eighth round awards of fiscal year 2008 SAFER grant, that Camp Verde Fire District would be receiving \$325,140.00 to supplement the recruitment and hiring of three additional firefighters.

The SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities. One of the main goals is to enhance the District's ability to comply with staffing and operational standards established by NFPA and OSHA.

The funding is allocated over a 5-year period with funds to be provided by the Fire District in incremental steps to allow the hiring of personnel without incurring substantial costs in one fiscal year.

Receiving these grant funds will allow Camp Verde Fire District to increase our staffing and response capabilities thereby reducing response times, improving firefighter safety, meet OSHA standards, and handle incident scenes with optimum efficiency.

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