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West Lafayette Fire Department SAFER Grant Has Been Extended to 2017

West Lafayette, IN- February 26, 2016- The West Lafayette Fire Department has received notification by Grant Administrator Tina Godfrey of FEMA that their extension of the SAFER grant has been extended to January 17, 2017. The performance period for the SAFER grant was set to originally expire on March 20, 2016.

With this extension, the City of West Lafayette will be able to use the full amount of federal funds that were allotted to them. West Lafayette was originally awarded \$1,155,000.00 in federal funds to hire seven additional firefighters. This has expanded the force from 41 to 48 personnel, making West Lafayette one of the safest communities in Indiana.

The West Lafayette Fire Department responds to 2,000-plus calls for service annually and has a coverage area of over 16 square miles. The department also provides service to over 42,000 citizens.

West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis and Fire Chief Tim Heath worked alongside U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly in helping to secure the extension. Mayor Dennis recently spoke with Senator Donnelly about the extension on a visit to Washington, D.C.

“Our firemen and women are some of the bravest and hardest working members of our community,” stated Senator Donnelly. “Effective emergency response personnel are critical to keeping Hoosier communities safe. With the seven new fire fighters the West Lafayette Fire Department can hire with this grant, they will have additional resources to help provide safe, efficient, and effective responses to local emergencies.”

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