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Ocoee Fire Department Receives \$1.5 Million Federal Grant to Hire 12 Firefighters

Ocoee, Fla. – The Ocoee Fire Department has been awarded a three-year grant of nearly \$1.5 million from the Department of Homeland Security’s Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. SAFER assists departments with the funding of personnel to ensure that their communities have the needed fire and emergency services protection. The Ocoee Fire Department applied for the FEMA grant to hire 12 new firefighters to staff a fire engine in one of the fast growing areas of the city.

For the past five years, the Northwest region of the city has been protected by a transport rescue vehicle located at a temporary fire station with no fire suppression capabilities. The grant will now assist the city with the staffing of an advanced life support fire engine for an area of the city that is rapidly developing and expected to add more than 2,000 new homes, with a significant increase in population over the next 2-3 years.

“We are extremely pleased that the fire department was successful in attaining this FEMA grant. The funding of the 12 firefighters for the next three years will allow the city to provide the much-needed emergency services in this area while Ocoee continues to experience this tremendous growth,” said Mayor Rusty Johnson.

When hired, the personnel and fire apparatus will continue to respond from the temporary fire station located at Ocoee-Apopka and West Road. The Ocoee City Commission has approved building a new fire station in the Northwest area of the city, and it is expected to be completed in the next 24 - 36 months.

For more information, call the Ocoee Fire Department at 407-905-3140.

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