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FEMA awards \$4.9 million grant to Augusta Fire Department

AUGUSTA, Ga. (October 11, 2022) – The Augusta Fire Department has been awarded a \$4,928,040 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This is the first time the Department has received this grant, and the funding will be used to offset personnel costs.

The program, [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants](#) (SAFER), was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

“This is a very competitive grant, and I am glad to know that FEMA selected Augusta, Georgia, to be funded,” said Augusta Fire Chief Antonio Burden. “The award of these funds will provide additional support to hire well-trained firefighters so we can effectively provide fire and life safety services to the residents and visitors of Richmond County.”

Last year, Augusta, Georgia, firefighters responded to more than 23,000 emergencies. Media interested in covering this topic should contact Public Information Manager Danielle Harris at 706-312-5511.

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