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RE: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award

The Hudson Fire Department was awarded funding through an AFG of \$429,527.27 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support a comprehensive physical and mental health program and Safety and Survival course for our firefighters. The health and safety of our membership is a top priority and was the driving force behind us applying for this funding in order to support this type of program.

We are pleased to receive this grant award which will create meaningful impact for the health and safety of our first responders. This will provide more comprehensive, in-depth health and wellness screenings to include cardiovascular and cancer screenings, as well as an annual mental health consultation and access to a clinician for any emergent needs. Currently, cardiovascular disease, cancer and mental health disorders are among the most documented morbidities in firefighters. The opportunity to provide early detection with the physical portion of the program combined with early intervention for mental health issues can be the difference between life and death.

Additionally, this funding will support the implementation of the International Association of Firefighters, Firefighter Ground Survival (FGS) Program. This program is the most comprehensive survival skills and Mayday prevention program currently available within the fire service. It incorporates federal regulations, proven incident management best practices and survival techniques from leaders in the field. Along with real case studies from experienced firefighters, the FGS program aims to educate all firefighters to be prepared if the unfortunate happens. This type of training is invaluable to our first responders.

I would like to thank Deputy Chief Fran Enos, Captain Sean Mamone and Executive Coordinator Erika LaRiviere, who prepared and composed the grant application. To date, this is the largest non-staff related funding award the department has received through AFG.

Official acceptance of this grant is pending a public hearing and Board of Selectmen approval which is scheduled to take place on July 23, 2024.

The Hudson Fire Department is a career, all hazards department that provides fire suppression, ALS/EMS response and transport, emergency dispatch, technical rescue and inspectional services. Learn more about us at www.hudsonnh.gov/fire.