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### **Springfield Fire *Rescue* Division Receives \$490K Firefighters Grant**

SPRINGFIELD (September 24, 2019) – The City of Springfield Fire *Rescue* Division has received a grant totaling nearly half a million dollars, allowing the organization to purchase life-saving equipment, SFRD Chief Brian Miller announced.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), was for \$491,913.63. According to FEMA, the goal of the AFG is to “meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.”

“This grant allows the Fire Division to purchase and update essential, life-saving equipment that our firefighters and EMS staff utilize in their work on a day-to-day basis,” said Miller.

Items that the grant will fund include:

- 75 portable radios, chargers and batteries
- 15 dual-head mobile radios
- 30 remote-mount mobile radios for staff and support vehicles
- 7 control station radios
- 66 headsets and all associated installation fees

Springfield City Commissioners will vote on a measure accepting the funds during the commission’s next regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Forum.

The Springfield Fire Rescue Division protects lives and property in the community by providing professional, caring, fire and EMS and multi-hazard emergency services through leadership in providing professional safety services, resolving problems, supporting members and building the community.