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GLENDALE SET TO HIRE FIREFIGHTER RECRUITS

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Fire Department is hiring new firefighters. A total of at least 28 firefighter recruits will be hired over the next two years with 20 of those recruits being hired by this June.

The city was awarded a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant, also known as a SAFER grant, from FEMA for just under \$2 million to pay for the new firefighters. The goal of the grant is to allow the fire department to fill the spots that have been vacated through attrition and full time positions that were not satisfied due to budget restraints.

According to FEMA's website, SAFER grants were created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards

On March 25, 2014, all seven City of Glendale councilmembers approved accepting the grant. The fire department will now move forward very aggressively to recruit, hire and train the new firefighters.

The opportunity to bring in new firefighters to the department will cause rapid change over the next few months creating more opportunities and movement within the department after years of reductions in staffing.

For more information regarding the position of firefighter recruit, details of the application requirements, testing process and minimum requirements, please go to <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Fire/personnelinformation.cfm>.

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