



Glendale Fire Department

Kevin Hardwick, Chief

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Glendale Fire Department awarded 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant totaling \$203,000

The Village of Glendale Fire Department is excited to announce that it has received a 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) totaling \$203,000. This grant will allow the Glendale Fire Department to purchase 21 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs), individual SCBA face pieces, one for each firefighter, and a fill station to be installed at the Fire Department on 80 E. Sharon Ave.

The purpose of the grant program is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. From 2001 to 2014, AFG has awarded 63,000 grants totaling over \$6 billion dollars. In 2015, the AFG set aside \$306 million dollars to for grant funds to fire departments nationwide.

“The SCBAs that we use to go in to a hazardous environment were coming to the end of their service life...These air packs are one of the life support functions of a firefighter and are mission critical.” said Fire Chief Kevin Hardwick. 21 units, the National Fire Protection Association standard for the Glendale Fire Department, would have cost the department nearly \$150,000, almost the entire operating budget for the Department in 2015. Thanks to the grant, the Department can purchase the new tanks and also replace the compressor used to fill the air packs, a \$60,000 cost.

This grant is very important for the Glendale Fire Department. It allows the Department to provide the best safety equipment for the firefighters. The newer products are designed for increased safety and performance, which will reduce maintenance costs in the future.