



GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

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Greater Naples Fire Receives Grant Funding

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District is pleased to announce that the application for financial assistance submitted under the Fiscal Year 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant has been approved in the amount of \$4,055,0016. This three year grant funding will allow the addition of 14 operational employees to be added to existing staffing, therefore reducing response times and allowing for additional quick response squads to be deployed. The Board of Fire Commissioners formally accepted the grant at their meeting this week. The District anticipates to have the additional members trained and on the streets by early 2019.

The District was also awarded emergency opioid antagonists through the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program. The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of drug/opioid overdose-related deaths and adverse events by providing emergency responders with the appropriate pharmaceutical resources to address this crisis. The District will receive 30 doses of Naloxone (Narcan) valued at \$1619.70.

Through the Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, and partnership with the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative, the District was awarded a grant for 27 decontamination buckets valued at \$4,860.00. The purpose of the grant is to mitigate exposure to hazardous, cancer-causing chemicals and to protect the health and safety of Florida firefighters. The District will be applying for additional buckets during the second application period.

*If you would like more information regarding this topic, or to schedule an interview,
please contact the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Headquarters.*