

Press Release

Black Forest Fire Rescue

November 4th, 2018

At the end of October 2018, Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District received notification our "Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response" (SAFER) federal grant application was denied.

Had this grant been awarded, it would have allowed the department to staff Station #2, in the northern part of our district, 24 hours a day, year round, for at least the next four years. Station #2 is strategically located to provide safe and timely response to approximately 50% of the entire district. The regular staffing of the station is important for providing effective and efficient emergency services to our residents.

Since 2009, the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District has attempted multiple creative staffing models with combinations of volunteers, part-time employees, and career staff to provide emergency service responses from both Stations #1 and #2. Without adequate funding, staffing both stations daily with enough personnel to meet recognized firefighter safety standards remains a substantial struggle. Safety of our citizens and personnel will continue to be our top priority and challenge.