

- A full-time Captain, full-time Engineer, and volunteer firefighter on duty daily at RSF6
- The ability to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) to an area where Basic Life Support (BLS) is currently available.
- Increased continuity and availability of District fire and medical delivery services
- The availability of career staff to assist in the development of our volunteer members for future employment with the District
- Staff would also propose to decrease its volunteer roster from 40 to 15 volunteer firefighters; as well, reduce the individual volunteer time commitment from three 24 hr. shifts and three training sessions per month, to just three 24 hr. shifts per month.

Option 2: Additional District Financial Obligation:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
\$ 65,072	\$100,097	\$282,877	\$373,614

OPTION 3

The last option is to reject the reject the grant and remain status quo for RSF6.

SUMMARY

The acceptance of the SAFER grant, will not only enhance the volunteer staffing at RSF6 with one career firefighter paramedic on duty 7/24 to assist with the daily volunteer staffing; it also can be an opportunity for the District to improve the 7/24 supervision, training and ALS emergency response to an area that is currently a BLS volunteer system. In addition, the three SAFER positions and the redistribution and promotion of personnel within the current Board approved positions; the district can have an ALS emergency response model at RSF6 that will be easily managed for years to come.

The recommended option includes in the proposed staffing at RSF6 a career Captain and Engineer on duty 7/24. A volunteer will be scheduled each day to make it a three-person engine company. Since the reorganization, a three-person Engine Company at RSF6 has been very difficult to maintain. Because of volunteer retention issues, routinely, RSF6 has only been staffed with one or two volunteers with limited 7/24 crew supervision. Over the three-year program, the cost share estimates are \$669,374 federal reimbursement and \$416,098 District cost.

In accepting the SAFER grant, it will improve service to the Elfin Forest community, the district, and it truly can be the start of a recruitment and retention tool for the District in the future.