

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FEMA GRANT

The fire department is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a safety grant in the amount of \$135,100. FEMA is paying \$128,345 and Suffield Fire Department is required to provide a 5% match of \$6,755.

With this grant, we will be replacing our old and outdated self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) air packs. We will be purchasing 15 air packs, masks for every firefighter, 15 spare air cylinders, and new purified air compressor and air storage tanks to replace our 20 year old system, and a face piece tester. We are required to have firefighters submit to an annual test to make certain that they will be safe by having a properly fitting mask when they enter a hazardous environment. We are most fortunate to have received this award and look forward to receiving the new air packs. They will be placed in service as soon as all of our staff receives an in-service on them.