



OXFORD FIRE – EMS

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The Town of Oxford and the Oxford Fire-EMS Department are pleased to announce the acquisition and implementation of a SAFER award.

In early 2017 the Department applied for a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). This is an extremely competitive grant process with hundreds, if not thousands of Fire Departments vying for a portion of the grant. The grant reimburses the town for a large portion of the costs of a firefighter.

“The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720).”

Our grant was written to cover the associated costs of hiring two additional full-time firefighters. We received notice that we were awarded the grant in August with a start date of January 2018. We are very pleased to announce the hiring of Benjamin Lewis and Kevin Holstrom, who both began working for Oxford Fire, under the SAFER grant, on January 28, 2018.

The addition of these two firefighters increases our full-time suppression force from 12 to 14 members, an 8.5 Percent increase. With these additions we can better protect the members of this Department and the citizens we serve.



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