



**CALIFORNIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS'
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RE: Over 230 departments have enrolled representing more than 6000 Volunteer Emergency Responders. HAVE YOU ENROLLED?

Dear Chief:

By now you have heard of this great offering to your Volunteers. We continue to enroll departments each month; however some departments still have not enrolled. WHY THE RELUCTANCY: Below are common questions we have addressed to your fellow chiefs.

Q&A:

What is the future cost to my department to maintain this program?

There is no cost to enroll in this program and there is no obligation for your department to continue this program after the grant terminates. This grant ends Dec. 31, 2016. Before the termination date, CSFEWBC will be reapplying to continue this coverage for future years.

How difficult is it to enroll and how do we notify you of changes in the roster?

Enrollment is EASY, simply complete the one page enrollment form by providing the department contact information, answer 7 questions and provide roster of your members. You do not need to notify us of any changes of employment throughout the year, we simply ask that you provide internal records of employment at the time of disability or death.

What if I do not have all of the information on the enrollment form?

That is ok. Just fill out as much as you can and turn it in. You can even print and attach a current roster with contact info as long as the top portion of the enrollment form is completed and signed.

What if I have seasonal volunteers?

Include them on your enrollment form, and as long as they are accounted for as active or inactive on your running department roster, they will be covered when they are active.

Regarding the 7 questions asked, my department does not meet the NFPA 1720 or provide new recruits with NFPA 1582 Complaint Entry Level Physical, will we still qualify?

YES: answering Yes or No is not a terminating factor in enrollment

As a reminder, the SAFER Grant provides the following on-duty insurance benefits:

- \$500 per week in Disability Benefits, payable for up to 104 weeks
- \$100,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage

NEW 2014 Incentive: To encourage more California Emergency Responders, the SAFER Grant will offer \$1,500 to local departments providing referral department enrollments.

- Here is how it works: Enroll 3 new departments (totaling at least 50 volunteers) and receive \$1,500.00 for your department to use for recruitment and retention purposes.
- If you enroll your department it counts as one of the three!

Don't miss out on this opportunity! All you have to do is reach out to fellow department leaders with Volunteers and help them enroll for these SAFER funded benefits. They simply have to indicate on the enrollment form that you referred them and then the money is yours!

By protecting Volunteers while they serve their communities, this program will greatly increase the retention and recruitment success across California and help ensure this success in the future.

For your convenience, we have attached the enrollment form. For more information, please contact the Grant's facilitator Lyndsay Salb at lyndsay@volunteerfirefighter.org or (855) VOL – FIRE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam Winner".

Sam Winner – President CSFEWBC