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# Press Release

## **FEMA AWARDS A \$147,246 SAFER GRANT TO ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3**

**SEATTLE** –Today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded a **\$147,246** ‘Staffing-for-Adequate-Fire-and-Emergency-Response’ (SAFER) grant to the Island County Fire District #3. Nationally, the fiscal year (FY) 2007 AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide over \$490 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

“We recognize the importance of the Fire Act Grants to our nation’s fire departments and we will continue to work closely with the fire service community to meet their needs,” said United States Fire Administrator Greg Cade. “The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program continues to serve as a major effort by FEMA to ensure the nation’s firefighters continue to have the basic capability they require to do their jobs, improve community safety and prevent the loss of lives.

FEMA fire grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical service organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles. FEMA SAFER grants specifically enhance a local fire departments or district’s abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (see [www.nfpa.org/SAFERActGrant](http://www.nfpa.org/SAFERActGrant) for more details).

Since FY 2001, and including FY 2007, over \$3.3 billion in AFG funding has been distributed to fire departments and first responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal protective equipment, vehicles and fire prevention activities. AFG is administered cooperatively by two FEMA components: the National Preparedness Directorate and the United States Fire Administration.

The full list of FY 2007 AFG recipients and other information is posted on the AFG website ([www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com)).

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