



MANTECA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Manteca Fire Department Awarded Over \$3.4 Million in Federal Grants

MANTECA, CA – MANTECA, CA – The Manteca Fire Department is proud to announce it has been awarded over \$3.4 million in federal funding through two major FEMA grant programs, marking a transformative investment in public safety and the future of emergency response in Manteca.

This milestone—made possible through the foundational support of Measure Q—represents a vital advancement in ensuring the City of Manteca continues to grow safely, sustainably, and with the resources needed to protect every resident.

The first award, a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, provides \$2,692,300.83 in funding. This grant will allow Manteca Fire to hire nine new firefighters, enabling the department to fully staff an additional fire engine each day. The increase in staffing will reduce emergency response times, improve citywide coverage, and strengthen the department's ability to serve Manteca's growing community.

The second award, through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, totals \$718,386.36 and will fund the purchase of new, advanced Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs). These upgraded units will provide firefighters with greater respiratory protection, longer operational duration, and improved situational awareness during hazardous operations—helping ensure that first responders can do their jobs safely and effectively.

“These federal grants, combined with the continued local support provided through Measure Q, are truly making a difference in how we serve our city,” said City Manager, Toni Lundgren. “This funding means more firefighters on the streets, faster response times, and safer conditions for both our personnel and the residents we’re sworn to protect. It’s an incredible step forward for public safety in Manteca.”

To ensure full transparency and community understanding, the rollout of additional staffing will be accompanied by a clear, public funding plan. This plan will be presented to and voted on by the Manteca City Council, providing residents with insight into how these new federal and local funds will be implemented to maximize community benefit.

The Manteca Fire Department remains committed to delivering the highest level of service to the community. With the support of Measure Q and these new FEMA grants, Manteca Fire continues to expand its capabilities, strengthen its workforce, and improve emergency response outcomes for every resident.

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