



# Greater Brighton Fire Protection District

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## Fire District Receives \$1 Million in Grants in 2008

The District was awarded several grants that total just over \$1 Million. The grant money that was awarded will be put to use starting in early 2009.

FEMA awarded the Fire District \$250,398 for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This money will be divided into three areas: \$207,000 will go toward the purchase of a new water tender truck, \$26,316 will go toward the addition of traffic pre-emption devices on Highway 85, and \$17,082 will go toward officer development training.

FEMA also awarded the district \$325,140 for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant. This will help the District with the salaries of three additional career firefighters over a period of 4-years.

The Fire District will be able to purchase a new water tender truck, a new fire engine and a new brush/field truck with the help of \$420,000 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy/Mineral Grant.

The Fire Prevention division will be able to continue current programs as well as expand some of them with the help of \$2,000 from Wal-Mart and \$1,300 from Factory Mutual Global Insurance.

Board President Julie Blair said, "Applying for grants is important because it assists the Fire District in reaching its goals and eases the burden on the local taxpayer."

Fire Chief Mark Bodane expects that we will have most of the large equipment purchased and in use before the end of 2009. He also said, "These grants will have a direct positive impact on the daily delivering of emergency services. Replacing aging fire trucks, making emergency responses safer along Highway 85, increased training opportunities for our staff, the additional fire safety education, and the hiring of three firefighters will improve our services to the community."