

**TO:** All Chester County Fire Chiefs

**FROM:** George “Bud” Turner, Chairman, SAFER Oversight Committee

Through the efforts of John Sly of the Westwood Fire Company, all fire companies in Chester County will have a unique opportunity for financial assistance to recruit and retain trained, certified volunteer firefighters. John’s efforts have resulted in the awarding of a FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant that is being administered through the Chester County Fire Chief’s Association and Westwood Fire Company. The primary purpose of the grant is to increase the number of trained, “front-line” firefighters available in your community.

Accordingly, the lion’s share of the grant will be utilized as reimbursement of “lost wages” for individuals who attend the training courses listed on the attached form. You will note that the number one priority of courses available for this program is the training of new recruits. These funds are **not** to be used to pay for training class fees, but to offer an incentive to both new recruits, and existing members who attend continuing education.

On a quarterly basis, your company will submit the attached, self explanatory form for review by the SAFER Oversight Committee. Following their review and approval, the Treasurer of the Westwood Fire Company will forward a check to your company for disbursement to each of the individuals listed on the reimbursement form. Additional forms can be downloaded from the County Fire Chief’s web site [www.ccfirechiefs.org](http://www.ccfirechiefs.org), or from the Forms section of the Chester County web site [www.chesco.org/des](http://www.chesco.org/des). It is important to note that only training **completed after March 14, 2008** is eligible for reimbursement.

Companies receiving reimbursement will be required to provide copies of the cancelled checks for each reimbursement transaction to the Westwood Fire Company to document adherence to the grant guidelines. **Any Company failing to submit the required paperwork will be ineligible to submit reimbursement applications in subsequent quarters until such time as the documentation is provided.**

Additionally, a portion of this grant will be utilized to fund a county-wide publicity program targeting fire service recruitment. When details of the plan are finalized, you will be advised accordingly.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chairman Turner at the e-mail address listed on the form, or any of the district representatives listed below.

<b>North:</b>	David Meadows	<a href="mailto:DMeadows@aol.com">DMeadows@aol.com</a>
	Evan Taylor	<a href="mailto:evan-taylor@comcast.net">evan-taylor@comcast.net</a>
<b>East:</b>	Bud Turner	<a href="mailto:Co6Chief@aol.com">Co6Chief@aol.com</a>
<b>South:</b>	Brian Brown	<a href="mailto:BBrown@OxfordFire.com">BBrown@OxfordFire.com</a>
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<b>Central:</b>	John Carbo	<a href="mailto:jcarbo@kidd-fire.com">jcarbo@kidd-fire.com</a>

**CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

**SAFER GRANT REQUEST FORM**

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOST WAGES WILL BE CONSIDERED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR THE COURSES LISTED BELOW:**

- Firefighter I Certification (NFPA 1001)**
- Firefighter II Certification (NFPA 1001)**
- Pumper Driver/Operator Certification (NFPA 1002)**
- Rescue Level Training (NFPA 1006/Department of Health)**
- Hazardous Material Operations Certification (NFPA 472)**
- Officer I Certification (NFPA 1021)**

Should additional funding remain per distribution quarter, additional sanctioned training will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Other instructor-led training based on State or National standards will be considered should a company not have candidates in the above categories. Training must have been completed after March 14, 2008 to be eligible for reimbursement.

Per federal grant guidelines, no reimbursement is available for Fire Police or EMS training.

List candidate names below and attach copies of certificates of completion for each. Forms will not be processed without copies of certificates. Use additional forms if required.

	<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Course Completed</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Committee Approval Only</u> <u>Requires 2</u> <u>initials</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form with copies of certificates to the attention of:**

**George Turner**  
**West Whiteland Fire Company**  
**227 Crest Drive**  
**Exton, PA 19341**

[Co6Chief@aol.com](mailto:Co6Chief@aol.com)

**Note: Each Company must provide documentation of the individual reimbursements made in the form of cancelled checks. Copies are to be mailed directly to the Westwood Fire Company, ATTN: Treasurer, 1403 Valley Road Coatesville, PA 19320-2724.**