

BARNSTABLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Barnstable Fire Department Announces \$1.38 Million Federal SAFER Grant Award and Upcoming Public Meetings

BARNSTABLE, MA – October 20, 2026 – The Barnstable Fire Department is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$1,386,845 federal grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2025 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

This significant federal investment will help fund the salaries and benefits of six additional career firefighters over a three-year period. The addition of these firefighters will strengthen the department's ability to maintain adequate staffing, improve emergency response capabilities, and better serve the growing needs of the Barnstable Fire District.

The SAFER Grant requires a local financial commitment from the Barnstable Fire District. To inform residents about the grant, its benefits, and the associated costs, the department will host an important public information meeting.

Public Outreach and Information Session

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Barnstable Fire Station

This informational session will provide residents and taxpayers with an overview of the SAFER Grant, the proposed staffing improvements, the Fire District's financial responsibilities, and the anticipated benefits to public safety. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and better understand the proposal before the Special Fire District Meeting.

Special Fire District Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2026, at Mary Pat Flynn Room (Old Jail) County Complex at 7:00 PM

At this meeting, voters of the Barnstable Fire District will be asked to approve acceptance of the FY2025 SAFER Grant and authorize funding for the district's required share of the grant. Voters will also be asked to approve funding for additional expenses associated with hiring six firefighters, including pre-employment screenings, uniforms, and personal protective equipment.

The Barnstable Fire Department encourages all Fire District residents to attend both the public outreach meeting and the Special Fire District Meeting to be informed about this important investment in the community's public safety.

About the Barnstable Fire Department

The Barnstable Fire Department provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, fire prevention, and other emergency services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Barnstable Fire District. Established in 1935, the Department remains committed to providing professional, responsive, and effective emergency services to our residents and visitors while meeting the community's evolving public safety needs.



"Striving for Excellence, Together: Safeguarding Lives, Protecting Property, and Fostering Community Resilience in Barnstable and Beyond."