



HIGHLAND PARK
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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BREAKING NEWS - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Highland Park Fire Department Awarded an over \$1.5 Million Dollar Grant from FEMA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

HIGHLAND PARK, MI - The City of Highland Park is proud to announce an approximate \$1.5 Million dollar (\$1,568,160) regional grant for the Highland Park Fire Department to improve operations and safety. This support, which comes through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, will help train firefighters across the region to become Emergency Medical Technicians.

"We are proud to make this announcement for the City of Highland Park. This grant will assist not only the citizens of Highland Park but help the entire region by training firefighters to a Basic EMT level. This will help to reduce the time a resident of Highland Park and Detroit has to wait for emergency medical care. This will help to save countless lives in the region."

-Highland Park Fire Chief Derek Hillman

In addition to use for professional training programs, competitive grants such as this will also help fund the costs for updating equipment and facilities in addition to providing new supplies to help first-responders handle hazards efficiently and effectively.

"Chief Derek Hillman does it again! I applaud the Chief for taking the lead on this initiative. I am also extremely grateful to FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security for entrusting us with this opportunity to work in partnership with FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to effectively administer these grant dollars. This is not only a win for Highland Park, but region-wide,

which is what we are all about in this city-partnership. This great news further exemplifies our laser-sharp focus on the Rebirth of Highland Park”

-Mayor DeAndre Windom, City of Highland Park

More information about the grant can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>.

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