



SOUTH ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO ADOPT THE FUNDING OF A WILDLAND CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the South Arkansas Fire Protection District (SAFPD) is experiencing growth, with more residents moving into our communities; and

WHEREAS, these communities face increasing threats from wildfire, necessitating enhanced coordination and preparedness to mitigate risks; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the SAFPD is to protect life, property, and the environment through effective fire protection, suppression, and mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the SAFPD wildfire suppression and mitigation program is expanding, creating the need for additional administration and operational coordination to manage these efforts effectively; and

WHEREAS, the SAFPD has applied for a Firefighter and Rural Workforce Resiliency Module (FRWRM) Grant to best protect the financial position of the district while supporting this critical initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South Arkansas Fire Protection District that:

1. The SAFPD will fund the position of Wildland Chief of Operations contingent upon the awarding of the FRWRM Grant.
2. The Wildland Chief of Operations will provide essential leadership, administration, and coordination for the wildfire suppression and mitigation program, supporting SAFPD's mission to serve and protect the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the SAFPD is not awarded the FRWRM Grant, the Fire Chief and the SAFPD Board of Directors will collaborate to determine the best course of action to fund this position to enhance services to the community.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of December 2024, by the Board of Directors of the South Arkansas Fire Protection District.

SIGNED:

Harold Starbuck, Chairperson
South Arkansas Fire Protection District Board

ATTEST:

Jeff Graff, Secretary
South Arkansas Fire Protection District Board