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Chief Kevin W. Kelleher
Somerville Fire Department
266 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02145

Dear Chief Kelleher:

I am pleased to inform you that your FY 2015 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE grant applications have been approved for funding. The Somerville Fire Department has been awarded \$7423.00 for the S.A.F.E. grant and \$3395.00 for Senior SAFE.

Be sure to alert your treasurer and to check with them to ensure receipt of the funds. We expect the funds to be electronically distributed on or about December 24, 2014.

All grantees are required to submit the FY 2014 year-end report to DFS by January 31, 2015. If there are any unexpended funds, the grantee may apply for a one-time 6-month extension, which will be part of the year-end report form. At the close of the single 6-month extension, all unexpended funds must be returned to the Commonwealth. At this time, any prior year remaining funds must be returned to the Commonwealth.

Twenty years ago, the fire service advocated to the legislature for the creation of the S.A.F.E. program. Since that time average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 72%. Last year, the S.A.F.E. program was expanded to offer funds to local communities in support of senior fire prevention training. Seniors are the most vulnerable of populations at risk of fire related deaths. This program is aimed at educating seniors on fire prevention, general home safety and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire. It is our hope that with this opportunity we can recreate the success with our older population that we have had with children.

I thank you for your commitment to the S.A.F.E. program and for your continuing efforts to promote fire prevention for all citizens. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cynthia Ouellette at (978) 567-3381 or the S.A.F.E. staff at (978) 567-3388.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal

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