



# SAFER 2010: *At A Glance*

## KEY FACTS:

- ✓ Goals:
  - To recruit 15,000 new volunteer firefighters
  - To retain existing volunteer firefighters
- ✓ Total SAFER award: \$4.2 million
- ✓ Grant period: August, 2011 to August, 2015
- ✓ Local department involvement
- ✓ Grant Components:
  - Community college tuition reimbursement program
  - Mass media campaign
- ✓ Available to all NYS volunteer fire departments
  - Not currently served by a SAFER grant

## TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

- ✓ Open to any NYS volunteer firefighter:
  - Who does not have an Associates Degree and / or
  - 80 lifetime college credits
- ✓ Tuition for each course reimbursed on a sliding scale:
  - "A" Grade = 100%
  - "B" Grade = 85%
  - "C" Grade = 75%
- ✓ Service requirement:
  - Based on credits reimbursed
  - Served in a NYS volunteer fire department