

**Request:**

The City of Atwater Fire Department is seeking funding for additional firefighting staffing as well as firefighter education and training.

**Description:**

Atwater is located in western Merced County, 6.57 square miles in size, and has a population of over 30,000 residents.

The City of Atwater Fire Department operates with a small staff compared to the number of citizens they protect. Currently, the fire department has 11 firefighters (including the two Battalion Chief positions) and currently 1 active reserve/volunteer firefighter.



**Necessity:**

The City of Atwater contracts with CAL Fire and with this contract it gives the department one firefighter to approximately 2,600 residents and does not meet current NFPA 1710 standards for staffing levels on our fire apparatus. In an effort to increase public safety with our limited operating budget, the fire department is constantly searching for different avenues of funding. To meet current standards the city would bring on an additional five (5) new CAL FIRE Fire Apparatus Engineer positions. The City of Atwater

responds to an increasing number of calls in emergency situations. The service area contains residential, school, commercial and industrial, we also provide Mutual Aid.



**Beneficiaries:**

- City of Atwater
- Merced County
- Volunteer Firefighter
- State of California



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