The Dayton Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant designed to strengthen fire prevention and investigation.

The $129,405 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention & Safety Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security will fund home safety initiatives and fire investigator training.

DFD will conduct a door-to-door campaign in targeted areas to distribute long-life, tamper-proof smoke alarms and perform in-home safety assessments.

DFD will also work to reduce fires and related injuries by training additional officers to perform initial investigations, including documentation and reporting requirements.

Dayton earned the federal grant after a highly competitive review process requiring recipients to show their ability to meet Homeland Security-FEMA guidelines for reaching high-risk residents and reducing deaths and injuries caused by fires and related hazards.