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Johnson Announces Grant for Danbury Firefighters

\$260,000 Federal Grant to Purchase New, Modern Fire Engine

DANBURY, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today announced Danbury's Germantown Volunteer Fire Department has won a \$261,250 federal grant to purchase a new fire engine, replacing aging equipment and saving taxpayers money.

“This grant is a big help to Danbury’s firefighters and taxpayers,” Johnson said. “It will replace and modernize a key piece of firefighting equipment and help city taxpayers. I congratulate the Germantown fire company for its hard work, and I greatly appreciate the courage and professionalism all our firefighters show every day and thank them for their service.”

Germantown Fire Chief David Evanuska said the new, modern “tanker” will replace an outdated truck manufactured in 1978.

“We appreciate this grant and Congresswoman Johnson’s support,” Evanuska said. “She is fighting very hard for all the firefighters in her district.”

This competitive grant was awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. In 2005, Congress authorized \$650 million in direct assistance to firefighters through these grants to improve firefighter safety, effectiveness, and equipment. The program is administered through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

This is the second Assistance to Firefighters grant the Germantown fire department has won in as many years. Last year the department won a \$138,000 grant to equip and train a Rapid Intervention Team to rescue trapped firefighters.

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