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Shuster Announces DHS Grant to the Newburg-Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company in Cumberland County

Washington, D.C. - **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Newburg-Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company of Cumberland County has been awarded Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant in the amount of \$58,402 from the Department of Homeland Security.

The Newburg-Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company will use the funding for the purchase of 12 portable 800 MHz radios and 14 sets of personal protective firefighting equipment. The total project cost is \$61,476.00, and the Federal share of the grant will cover the majority of the project, leaving the fire company to cover only \$3,074.

“Our local community fire companies would not be able to raise the money necessary upgrade their equipment without grant programs like this,” Shuster said. “The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is a lifeline for small and rural departments like Newburg-Hopewell to meet the needs of their community and keep their firefighters safe in the process.”

“This equipment will be put to good use in our community and well help provide a safer response for the firefighters for years to come,” said Edgar Hoover, Fire Chief.

“I congratulate all of the members of the Newburg-Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company for their successful application for this very competitive grant,” Shuster added.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation’s first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security’s Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

More information on the Newburg-Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company can be found online at <http://www.nhfd51.com>.

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