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## ***Confluence Volunteer Fire Department Receives Fire Grant***

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Confluence Volunteer Fire Department has received a grant in the amount of \$8,550 through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant to purchase a thermal imaging camera to assist firefighters in pinpointing the location of people whose locations are obscured by smoke or poor lighting. The thermal imaging camera cuts through night or smoke by showing heat signatures which can easily be seen with the camera but not by the eye.

“This is great news for the volunteer firefighters of the Confluence Volunteer Fire Department,” Shuster said. “The addition of a thermal imaging camera will allow the firefighters to approach complicated fires and rescue situations in a new way that will definitely save lives. I congratulate them on their successful grant application.”

“Confluence Volunteer Fire Department appreciates the generosity of the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Without these programs loss of lives and firefighter safety could be compromised,” said Tara Holliday with the fire department. “As Confluence Volunteer Fire Department is a volunteer organization without these grants the funds would not be available for the safety equipment that is necessary to do our jobs safely both for our volunteers and our community.”

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.

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