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St. Thomas Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Receives Fire Grant

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that St. Thomas Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department in Franklin County has received an $88,811 grant through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant to purchase a variety of interoperable communications equipment for its firefighters.

"This grant will allow the men and women at St. Thomas Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department to communicate more efficiently with neighboring first responders and police departments during multiple alarm events," Shuster said. "The department would not have been able to update this critical equipment without the support of the fire grant program and I congratulate them for their successful grant application."

During the recent major snowstorms, having the ability to communicate efficiently between the local fire department, fire police organizations, municipal snow removal crews, and the state police would have made the overall operation more efficient. The radios that this grant will provide will ensure these vital communications occur without delay. These radios will also enhance the overall life safety opportunities of the fire and rescue personnel during emergency situations.

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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