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Ohiopyle-Stewart Volunteer Fire Company Receives Critical Fire Grant

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Ohiopyle-Stewart Volunteer Fire Company has been awarded a \$49,875 grant through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant to purchase 10 brand new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) for its firefighters.

"I congratulate the firefighters of the Ohiopyle-Stewart V.F.C. for their successful grant application," said Congressman Shuster. "SCBA's are one of the most critical pieces of equipment firefighters have to protect themselves when responding to emergencies and they need to be maintained and kept up-to-date. This grant will enable the fire company to protect its volunteers so they can serve their community."

"Receiving this grant will not only make our department more efficient, but more important, it will provide a higher level of safety for the firefighters who protect the surrounding communities," said Devin R. Plume (Assistant Fire Chief OSVFC).

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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