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Delaware Township Fire Company Receives Critical Fire Grant

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Delaware Township Fire Company of Juniata County has been awarded an \$89,772 grant through the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The grant will be used to purchase new turn out gear for the company’s firefighters, as well as air packs to provide a constant supply of breathable oxygen when entering smoke filled buildings. In addition to this key equipment, the grant will also pay for an accountability system; technology which will provide immediate knowledge and assurance of each firefighter's disposition while in a burning structure.

“This is fantastic news and I congratulate the firefighters of the Delaware Township Fire Company for their successful grant application,” said Congressman Shuster. “This is critical protective equipment that is essential to keeping firefighters safe and the Company couldn’t have purchased them without this grant program.”

“On behalf of the Delaware Township Fire Company, we are grateful for the grant from Homeland Security. This grant will better protect our firefighters as we serve the people of our community,” said Doug Roush, a member of the fire company.

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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