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## ***New Baltimore & Area Volunteer Fire Company Receives Critical Fire Grant***

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the New Baltimore and Area Volunteer Fire Company of Somerset County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$22,308 through the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant money to purchase new hoses and nozzles for its fire equipment.

“I congratulate New Baltimore’s firefighters on their successful grant application,” said Congressman Shuster. “These new hoses and nozzles will ensure that the fire department will be able to continue to serve its community years into the future.”

“The New Baltimore Fire Dept. will be using these funds to replace used hose that was manufactured in the 1970’s. We will be upgrading our 4 inch hose to 5 inch. Also we will be purchasing new 2.5 inch hose and 1.5 inch hose. The nozzles that we purchase will have the capability to also use foam; whereas our current nozzles do not. We will also be adding three 6 inch and two 2.5 inch hard flexible suction hoses to the truck,” said Joshua Hillegass, a representative of the fire company.

“The purchase of these items would be too costly for us to purchase at this time, so we are very appreciative of this grant,” added Hillegass.

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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