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## **Shuster Congratulates Local First Responders on Fire Grants**

### ***Friedens Fire Co. and Blazing Arrow Hook & Ladder Awarded Critical Funding***

Washington, DC – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to congratulate the Blazing Arrow Hook & Ladder and Friedens Fire Company on their successful grant applications to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

“I am pleased that local fire companies continue to benefit from this important grant program,” Shuster said. “These grants empower our local volunteer fire fighters to purchase equipment that would otherwise be out of their reach financially. Without question, a well equipped fire company helps maintain a safe community.”

The Friedens Fire Company has been awarded an Operational and Safety Equipment grant in the amount of \$55,457. The company will use this grant to purchase new gear racks, miscellaneous equipment, as well as a washer and extractor machine for the firefighters’ turnout gear. The Friedens Fire Company will share the use of the washer/extractor with neighboring fire houses.

“We applied for this grant for a few years now and were pleased to be awarded now we can purchase many items we have been trying to get for a while,” said Jason A Griffith, Friedens V.F.C Fire Chief.

The Blazing Arrow Hook and Ladder Fire Company from Tyrone was awarded an Operational and Safety Equipment grant in the amount of \$56,126. The company will use this grant to purchase 18 sets of protective gear as well as 4,000 feet of new hose. The grant will make the company NFPA compliant.

“The officer’s and members of the Blazing Arrow Hook & Ladder Fire Company are extremely pleased in the Grant award issued last week,” said Blazing Arrow Fire Chief JR Watson. “We will be able to respond with the confidence that our firefighters are protected with the latest and most advanced personal protective gear available as well as having the confidence in new supply and attack hose to make the fire scene as safe as possible. We are grateful for Congressman Shuster’s past and continued support in this grant program.”

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