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Alum Bank Community Fire Company Receives Critical Fire Grant for new Fast Attack Vehicle

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Alum Bank Community Fire Company of Bedford County has received a grant in the amount of \$118,750 through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant to purchase a brand new fast attack vehicle/mini-pumper truck to assist firefighters in serving their community. The fast attack vehicle takes up less space than a normal full sized fire truck which means it can fit in narrow streets and can be positioned closer to a fire which is critical for firefighters responding to emergencies.

“This is great news for residents of Alum Bank and the firefighters of the Alum Bank Community Fire Company,” Shuster said. “The addition of this new fast attack vehicle will give the firefighters greater flexibility in fighting fires. It will help save lives and property.”

“The department would not have been able to purchase this critical new piece of equipment without the support of the fire grant program and I congratulate them for their successful grant application.”

Alum Bank Community Fire Company president, Kelly Davis, made the following statement when notified of their selection for the grant award. “Our members and community appreciate the efforts of Congressman Shuster in supporting this vital grant program for our nation’s fire departments. Without this program our efforts to provide quality fire and rescue services would be severely hindered and place our firefighters and citizens at risk. The grant award to purchase this vehicle will enable our department to replace large unsafe vehicles with one unit that will be able to maneuver into the hard to reach areas of our community. Without the support of programs such as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and monetary donations of the local community, we would not be able to operate and deliver fire services to them.”

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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