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## ***Reade Area Ambulance Receives Grant for new Ambulance***

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Reade Area Ambulance Company has received a grant in the amount of \$117,325 through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program. This critical funding will be used to purchase a new ambulance.

“This is great news for the EMS staff of Reade Area Ambulance and I congratulate them on their successful grant application,” Shuster said.

“Ambulances can run over six figures to buy and many local ambulance companies simply can’t afford to buy them on their own. This grant program makes it possible for our community EMS workers to use current equipment and cut response times with new vehicles.”

“We are very fortunate to have been awarded this grant because our company has no other way to afford a project of this magnitude. There are simply not enough resources locally to fund an entire emergency vehicle,” said April McClellan with Reade Area Ambulance. “We will be replacing our fourteen-year-old rear wheel drive ambulance with a new four wheel drive unit. The majority of the roads in Reade Township are dirt or gravel. In the past, it has been difficult to reach some patients because of mud or snow on these roads. We believe that this grant will help solve this problem, which will improve our ability to serve the residents of Reade Township.”

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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