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## ***Shuster Announces Fire Grant to Robertsdale-Wood & Broad Top Volunteer Fire Department Serving Bedford, Huntingdon and Fulton Counties***

Washington, D.C. - **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Robertsdale-Wood & Broad Top Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant in the amount of \$122,930.

The grant was approved under the Operations and Safety program, which directs funding to training activities, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness activities, and health and safety modifications to stations and facilities.

The Robertsdale-Wood & Broad Top Volunteer Fire Department will use the AFG grant to update their air packs. Additionally, they will use the grant to purchase a thermal imaging camera.

“This grant program is essential in helping our small and rural fire companies afford the equipment they need to protect their volunteer firefighters from the dangers they face on a daily basis,” Shuster said. “The air packs will allow firefighters to breathe in hazardous environments and the thermal imaging camera will allow them to identify weak spots in structures and locate people in need of help in the midst of smoke and fire.”

“Fire companies like ours couldn’t survive without these grants,” said Roy McCabe, Vice President of the Robertsdale-Wood & Broad Top Volunteer Fire Department. “I want to thank Homeland Security and Congressman Shuster for their steadfast support of our local firefighters.”

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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