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Shuster Announces DHS Grant to the Mont Alto Volunteer Fire Company #1 in Franklin County

Washington, D.C. - **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Mont Alto Volunteer Fire Company #1 has been awarded an Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

Mont Alto Volunteer Fire Company #1 will use the \$91,913 federal grant to purchase new fully interoperable portable radios and pagers for its firefighters.

“This grant is essential in providing our volunteer fire fighters with the best equipment possible to safeguard our communities,” Shuster said. “If not for this grant program, fire companies like Mont Alto would be unable to upgrade their equipment and keep up with the times. I congratulate them for their successful grant application.”

“We are ecstatic to receive funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Currently, the Franklin County PA Department of Emergency Services is upgrading their public safety radio system in 2008 to a new frequency spectrum,” said Bryan Stevenson, Assistant Chief and Grants Manager for the fire department. “These portable and mobile radios will allow us to be interoperable and compatible, effectively communicating with the new system immediately. Without these funds, purchasing radios and pagers would have been a difficult task.”

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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