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Shuster Announces Homeland Security Funding for First Responders throughout the 9th District

Washington, D.C. –**Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Department of Homeland Security has awarded five emergency management and first responder agencies in the 9th District with equipment through the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program, or CEDAP.

“The CEDAP program is a great way for small and rural communities to acquire technology and training that would otherwise be out of their reach,” Shuster said. “This allows them to keep up-to-date in the ever-changing world of technology and the fast pace environment of domestic security.”

- \$32,274.90 for the Marclay Community Ambulance Service, Inc. in Markleysburg for a HLS-CAM Training, Certification & Vulnerability Assessment Kit;
- \$38,764.62 for Juniata Valley Regional Police Department in Petersburg for Records Management Software and Hardware equipment;
- \$12,919.94 Clearfield County Department of Emergency Management for an Incident Commanders Radio Interface;
- \$40,235.40 to Saint Francis University for the purchase of Countermeasures Risk Analysis Software - CEDAP Package;
- \$30,935.80 for Huntingdon County Emergency Management for a CEDAP Chemical Detection Kit.

CEDAP provides resources such as communications interoperability equipment, information sharing technology, chemical detection devices, sensors, personal protective equipment, and rescue tools and training in how to use the equipment, devices, and technology. For FY 2007, the Department of Homeland Security will distribute \$33.7 million in direct CEDAP funding to first responders nation wide.

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