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M.M.P. & W. Volunteer Fire Company Receives Fire Grant

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the M.M.P. & W. Volunteer Fire Company of Mercersburg has received a \$29,830 grant through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant for a variety of operational and safety equipment, including a hose and turn-out gear dryer, rescue equipment and a thermal imaging camera.

“This is great news for residents of Mercersburg and Franklin County,” Shuster said. “This is exactly the kind of equipment that fire companies need, but couldn’t afford without assistance from programs like this. I congratulate them and commend their efforts.”

“The M.M.P.& W. Volunteer Fire Company is extremely grateful to receive this grant. The equipment that will be purchased enables our volunteers to continue to provide an invaluable service to the citizens of our community,” said Donald “Dusty” Stoner, Fire Chief. “Without programs such as this, many fire departments in our country would not be able to replace outdated and malfunction equipment.”

“It is important that everyone contact their elected officials and show support for programs such as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program,” Stoner added. “This support will show our elected officials programs like this are needed and need to continue to be funded. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.”

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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