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Johnson Announces Grant for Kent Firefighters *Funds to Purchase New Life-Saving Ambulance Equipment*

KENT, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today announced the Kent Volunteer Fire Department will receive a \$25,992 federal grant from the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

Kent Fire Chief Eric Epstein said the grant funds will go to purchase a new defibrillator for use by emergency medical personnel when treating cardiac arrest.

“New, modern equipment will help Kent’s firefighters and first responders save lives,” Johnson said. “I’ll continue working with first responders throughout the Fifth District to make sure they have the tools and training they need to protect their communities.

“This grant will allow us to better serve and protect the people of Kent,” Epstein said. “Nancy Johnson has always been supportive of the fire service and we appreciate her help.”

Earlier this year the Kent Volunteer Fire Department received over \$16,000 in grant funds to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and a compressor to fill its tanks. In addition, the grant will fund the replacement of outdated fire protection clothing, including helmets, jackets, pants, boots and gloves, he said. This equipment is called “turnout gear.”

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards one-year grants directly to fire departments to support the nation’s firefighters and the services they deliver. For the 2004 program, Congress appropriated \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters to improve the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention programs throughout the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security’s Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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