

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael Arcuri (D-Utica) today announced \$236,921 in Assistance to Firefighters Grants through the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training Preparedness Directorate for three local fire departments to enhance preparedness as first responders.

“Our country depends on prepared, well-equipped, and fully-trained first responders,” Arcuri said. “I am pleased to announce this latest round of Assistance to Firefighters grants that will help fire departments purchase new equipment and receive valuable training. One of my first votes in Congress was to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 commission because I know how crucial it is to fully fund first responders and ensure that New York gets the federal funds it needs and deserves.”

The grants, for operations and safety, included:

- \$121,885 for the Preston Fire Rescue
- \$32,604 for the Deansboro Fire District
- \$82,432 for the Mohawk Fire Department

Preston Fire Rescue is purchasing turn out gear, radio communications equipment, and a thermal imaging camera.

The Deansboro Fire Department is purchasing a 4 bay vehicle exhaust extrication system for the fire house.

Since 2001 \$2.4 billion in grants have been awarded to first responders to purchase responsive equipment, personal protective equipment, and vehicles.

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