

Rothman Announces Grant for Englewood Firefighters

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(Hackensack, NJ)—Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced a federal grant totaling \$44,280 to improve "on-the-ground" protection for firefighters in the city of Englewood. The grant, obtained through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, will improve the township's ability to communicate with and locate emergency responders as they battle local fires.

"I am happy to help direct these vital federal dollars to Englewood to increase the safety and security of our firefighters," said Rep. Rothman. "It is so important to not only focus on keeping our communities safe, but also protecting those who protect us. This new system will give fire departments the capability to better communicate with, locate, and aid the entire crew on the ground during an emergency, and make sure that our firefighters stay safe while giving them the ability to save more lives."

Department of Homeland Security's AFG program is designed to increase local fire departments' preparedness and ability to respond to fires and fire related hazards. Using Fiscal Year 2008 funds, AFG will award approximately \$500 million to fire and emergency medical services organizations around the country. Since 2004, \$2.75 billion has been provided to First Responder organizations for the acquisition of equipment and vehicles.

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