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Continuing his commitment to ensuring that local firefighters are provided with the resources they need to protect their communities, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) announced today that he has secured \$417,097 from the Operations and Firefighters Safety Grant program for the Hackensack, Saddle Brook, and Fort Lee Fire Departments. The fire departments will use the funds to update their facilities and communication capabilities.

"Homeland Security continues to be one of the highest priorities for our towns and country," said Rothman. "I am proud to announce that as the recipients of these important federal grants, the Hackensack, Saddle Brook and Fort Lee Fire Departments will be able to modernize their stations and facilities and continue to ensure the highest level of safety to their communities."

Established under legislation Rothman co-sponsored, the grant falls under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which awards one-year grants to fire departments nationwide to support firefighters and the services they deliver. The grant funds are administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness in cooperation with the United States Fire Administration. Nationally, over 8,000 grants totaling nearly \$750 million are awarded each year.