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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR HARRISVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has notified him that the Harrisville Fire Department will receive a \$32,400 grant from the Office for Domestic Preparedness as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP). The award will be used to assist firefighters in improving the effectiveness of firefighting operations as well as firefighter health and safety programs.

“Providing Rhode Island’s emergency medical services with the most up-to-date equipment, training, and facilities is a top priority of mine,” Senator Chafee said. “I am pleased that this money is being made available to ensure the people of our state benefit from the most well-trained, properly-equipped, and technologically-advanced fire fighters possible.” He continued.

The funds were distributed as part of the Operations and Firefighter Safety Program, and will be used for firefighter training, equipment updating, the purchasing of personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness programs and equipment, as well as modifications to fire stations and facilities. Additionally, emergency medical services and programs that include equipment designed to train, prepare for, and respond to events involving a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or other explosive devices were also included.

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