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**CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$54,000 HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT TO WEST WARWICK FIREFIGHTERS**

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded a \$54,000 grant to the West Warwick Fire Department. This 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant is one of 247 announced this week to fire departments throughout the United States.

The West Warwick Fire Department will use the funding for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety. This program includes training, wellness and fitness, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

“I am pleased that the Bush Administration continues its commitment to making first-responder funding a priority,” said Senator Chafee. “These funds will help in a big way to assist those public safety personnel we all rely upon to keep us safe.”

The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. These one-year grants are sent directly to local fire department enhancing their abilities to respond to fire and fire-related hazards in their communities. The funds are used by the nation’s firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, Emergency Medical Service programs, and Fire Prevention and Safety Programs.

A list of all current award recipients announced to date is posted on the USFA web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants>. Future grant recipients will be listed as awards are made.

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