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Representative Smola Announces Grants for Local Fire Departments

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that several local Fire Departments have been awarded funding for the purchase of additional equipment. As part of the FY22 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program, Brimfield will receive \$12,485; Palmer will receive \$15,465; Wales will receive \$8,910; and Ware will receive \$18,940; Warren will receive \$11,020.

“The first responders in our community face every imaginable type of danger,” said Representative Smola. “These grants will help them be better protected and demonstrates how grateful we are for their dedicated service.”

This competitive grant program enables fire departments to purchase a variety of equipment that will make firefighters’ jobs safer, including protective firefighting gear, thermal imaging cameras, radios and rescue equipment. The goal of the program is to provide fire departments with the necessary personal protective and safety equipment to be in compliance with National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

Firefighters face not only the well-known risks of fire, smoke, and hazardous materials, but also long-term health risks of occupational cancer associated with the exposure to fire by-products, and debilitating physical injuries due to the strenuous nature of their work. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617)722-2100.

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