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## **Rep. Smola Announces Fire Education Grants for Local Communities**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** is pleased to announce that five fire departments in the 1st Hampden District have been awarded funds through the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE programs for fiscal year 2021. These programs offer funds to local communities in support of fire prevention training. Seniors are the most vulnerable of populations at risk of fire related deaths. This initiative is aimed at educating seniors and students on fire prevention, general home safety and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire. Local fire departments awarded grants were:

Palmer Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$2,802 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$1,508)  
Sturbridge Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$4,692 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,480)  
Three Rivers Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$2,377 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$1,480)  
Ware Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$4,692 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,480)  
Warren Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$4,692 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,480)

“Our local fire departments have always played a critical role in educating residents about fire safety,” said Representative Smola. “The S.A.F.E programs provide important resources for people to learn about fire prevention and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire.”

Since the creation of the S.A.F.E program twenty-six years ago, average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 78%. The fiscal year 2021 S.A.F.E. program awards were announced by the Governor and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

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