

The Commonwealth of Massachus::tts House of Representatives Late House, Boston 02133-1054

TODD M. SMOLA REPRESENTATIVE

1ST HAMPDEN DISTRICT

BRIMFIELD • HOLLAND • PALMER
STURBRIDGE • WALES • WARE • WARREN

STATE HOUSE, ROOM 124 TEL. (617) 722-2100 FAX: (617) 722-2390

www.reptoddsmola.org Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov Conor.Welch@mahouse.gov

Contact: Conor Welch 617-722-2100

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 7, 2017

Local Legislators Announce Fire Education Grants Awarded to Local Communities

BOSTON – Representatives Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) are pleased to announce that six 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 2017. Fire departments awarded grants were:

Brimfield Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,063)
Palmer Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$2,073 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,596)
Sturbridge Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,951 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,596)
Three Rivers Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$1,555 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,596)
Ware Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,951 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,596)
Warren Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,951 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,596)

"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."

"Our firefighters provide so many invaluable services and the SAFE grants enable them to educate children and provide another layer of safety to them and their families," said Sen. Anne Gobi.

Since the creation of the S.A.F.E program twenty-one years ago, average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 70%. The fiscal year 2016 S.A.F.E. program awards were annually the Governor and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617)722-2100.

####