

WASHINGTON, DC –“ Congressman Joe Courtney announced today that the Mystic Fire Department and the Eastford Independent Fire Company have been awarded \$108,506 and \$102,838 respectively in federal funding.

“I am pleased to support both of these departments. Each day, our first responders take risks and make sacrifices to keep our communities, homes, and families safe,” said Courtney. “I commend the Mystic Fire Department and Eastford Independent Fire Company for making the effort to secure these critically important funds.”

The Mystic Fire Department will receive \$108,506 through the Operations and Safety account which will be used to purchase a mobile fire training trailer that provides live fire training by simulating a structure fire. The Eastford Independent Fire Company will receive \$102,838, also through Operations and Safety, which will be used to acquire new Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) as well as air bottles and a compressor to fill them. These new air packs will replace the outdated ones currently in use.

These awards were made under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. Congressman Courtney, a member of the Congressional Fire Caucus, has been a staunch advocate for increased funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant programs which provides desperately needed resources to first responders around the country.