

WASHINGTON, DC –“ Congressman Joe Courtney announced today that the Enfield Fire Department and the North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department have been awarded \$226,574 and \$38,000 respectively in federal funding.

“Our first responders put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities, our homes and our loved ones. I am pleased to support both of these departments and I applaud them for their efforts to apply for and receive these vitally needed funds,” Courtney stated from Israel where he is leading an international trade mission of 18 Connecticut companies.

The Enfield Fire Department will receive \$226,574 through the Fire Prevention and Safety account which will be used to purchase smoke detectors to be installed in multi-family homes throughout the town. The North Coventry Volunteer fire Department will receive \$38,000 to replace their cascade system which is used to refill air packs used by the department.

These awards were made under the Fiscal Year 2009 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.