

WASHINGTON, DC —“ Congressman Joe Courtney today announced that the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department has secured \$27,265 in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA to enhance its operations and safety efforts.

“As first responders, the brave men and women who risk their lives each day to protect us need all the resources they can get,” Courtney said. “This funding will help the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department take care of their town and meet the increasing demands facing first responders. In a difficult and very competitive funding environment, the fact that Ashford was able to secure this funding speaks volumes about their hard work.”

The grant for Ashford is from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. Funding from this program can be used for training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and health and safety modifications to stations and facilities.

Rep. Courtney has consistently supported additional funding for AFG Program since his arrival in Congress. Since 2001, the AFG has provided approximately \$4.6 billion in grants to first-responder organizations to obtain much-needed emergency response equipment, personal protective equipment, firefighting and emergency vehicles, and training.