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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha today announced that the Yukon Volunteer Fire Company has been awarded a grant of \$134,306 through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

The volunteers will use the grant to buy turnout gear, self-contained breathing apparatuses, portable radios and a generator to provide an emergency power supply.

"The jobs of volunteer firefighters are often made more difficult by the need to operate on shoestring budgets with no room to buy the equipment that allows them to respond safely and efficiently," Murtha said. "These grants relieve some of the financial pressure on those who freely sacrifice their time and often risk their lives to protect their friends and neighbors."

The Assistance to Firefighters program is administered by the U.S. Fire Administration, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Funds are used for operations and firefighter safety programs such as training, equipment and personal protective equipment; fire prevention programs such as public education, fire code enforcement, and the purchase and installation of smoke alarms; and the purchase of firefighting vehicles such as pumpers, brush trucks and rescue vehicles.