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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha today announced that three fire companies in the 12th Congressional District have been awarded grants through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for new equipment and firefighter training. The awards are as follows:

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| * Goodwill Hose Company of Latrobe | \$52,151 |
| * Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company | \$92,579 |
| * Houston Volunteer Fire Company | \$111,385 |

"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 help our firefighters to do a better job with less risk to their lives as they volunteer 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.