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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha today announced that the St. Vincent College Fire Department has been awarded a grant of \$1,469 through the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

The firefighters will use the grant to construct a mock dormitory room that can be burned to demonstrate to students how quickly fire spreads and how they should react in a fire emergency. They will also purchase a smoke machine to show students how to navigate through a smoke- filled hallway and teach them to react calmly.

"With hundreds of students gathered in dorms, classrooms and other public areas, campus firefighters face special problems," Murtha said. "I'm pleased that St. Vincent was able to obtain a grant to provide training that could help keep these young people safe during a fire emergency."