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Washington D.C. - Congressman John P. Murtha announced today that the Department of Homeland Security has released Assistance to Firefighters Grants to 12th District volunteer fire departments.

These competitive grants are provided to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations to enhance first responders' ability to protect the health and safety of the public and that of first-responder personnel. Since 2004, Assistance to Firefighters Grants has provided a total of almost \$2.2 billion to first-responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal protective equipment, and vehicles.

#### Cambria County

Lower Yoder Township Volunteer Fire Company \$19,570

#### Westmoreland County

Bell Township Volunteer Fire Department \$100,790