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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.

Armstrong County

Bethel Township Volunteer Fire Department	\$35,604
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The Department plans on purchasing six new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBA's), 1000 feet of three inch hose, and two nozzles for the hose.

Markle Volunteer Fire Department	\$83,125
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The Department plans on purchasing 10 new SCBA's and one Cascade Air System which is used to refill the air tanks.

Westmoreland County

Sewickley Township Volunteer Fire Company Number 3	\$35,625
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