

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded a grant of \$125,100 to the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department.

"A new vehicle will play a vital role in maintaining the safety of both the firefighters and the residents of Middlefield," said Olver.

The grant was awarded to the all-volunteer department in Middlefield through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

Middlefield Fire Chief Larry Pease said an additional vehicle that can serve a variety of purposes will be a great asset to the department.

"We only have one pumper now, and we have to call mutual aid if we get another call while that one is out," Pease said.

Middlefield is one of 219 departments across the country to receive funding under first round of the grant program.

For additional information, contact Middlefield Fire Chief Larry Pease at 413-623-5072.

For more information on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, please visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

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