

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded a grant of \$14,850 to the South Deerfield Fire Department.

"I am pleased that this funding will significantly improve the safety of firefighters and the public during emergencies," said Olver.

The grant was awarded through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, a program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

This funding will allow South Deerfield to purchase a self-contained, 24-volt battery-powered combustion gas detector.

The South Deerfield Fire Department is one of 489 departments across the country to receive funding through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

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For more information on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, please visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).