



Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman John Olver announced that the Fitchburg Fire Department will receive \$675,000 in federal funding for the acquisition of a new fire truck. The funding for the vehicle was awarded through the FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) which is administered by the Department of Homeland Security.

"This award is a testament to the hard work of Chief Roy and the Fitchburg Fire Department," said Congressman John Olver (D-MA). "This grant will allow the department to replace a truck from the 1980s with a new ladder truck, enhancing the ability of firefighters to respond to emergencies for years to come."

"With this money, we will be able to buy a new ladder truck to replace a very old truck. This will not only allow us to better protect the residents of Fitchburg, but will better protect our firefighters on the job. Captain David Rousseau with the help of the entire department made this possible. It is truly a godsend," said Fitchburg Fire Chief Kevin Roy.

The purpose of the AFG is to award grants directly to fire departments and EMS organizations that are unaffiliated with a hospital to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public. Using a competitive process that is overseen by fire service subject matter experts, AFG grants are awarded to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of the AFG Program.

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