

(Aliquippa, PA) - Today, U.S. Representative Jason Altmire (PA-4) announced that \$802,176 was awarded to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the Fourth Congressional District under the fiscal year 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. The announcement follows grants workshops held by Congressman Altmire to assist local volunteer fire departments in western Pennsylvania in applying for the AFG program.

**"Firefighters and other emergency response personnel serve our communities on a daily basis and are essential to the safety and well-being of our homes and businesses,"** said Congressman Altmire. **"These funds are critically important and will enhance the ability of each of these organizations to protect the public from fire and other hazards."**

Awards announced through the first seven rounds to western Pennsylvania's local fire departments are as follows:

Ambridge Borough Fire Dept.  
Baden Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Berkeley Hills Fire Co.  
Hickory Township Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Monaca #4 Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Pulaski Township Volunteer Fire Dept.  
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Renton Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Sarver Volunteer Fire Dept.  
South New Castle Borough Volunteer Fire Dept.  
West Deer EMS, Inc.

Congressman Altmire is conducting a series of grants workshops to assist local fire departments in applying for the AFG and other federal assistance programs. Every year, Pennsylvania has the largest number of individual grant requests and demonstrates a tremendous need for funding. AFG supplies first responders with needed equipment and training which enables them to more effectively protect local communities and respond to emergency situations.

**"I plan to continue to help local fire departments and other emergency responders in applying for federal assistance," said Congressman Altmire. "I encourage any of them to contact my office directly or to attend one of the upcoming grants workshops."**

Congressman Altmire and his staff can be contacted at (724) 378-0928 or by visiting his district office at 2110 McLean Street in Aliquippa.