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NYS Dept of Homeland Security & Emergency Services announces \$390,000 in Grants for Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Services Personnel Recruitment and Retention *Public safety competitive grant program funded by NYS residents who make voluntary contribution on NYS income tax form.*

The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) today announced \$390,000 in grants to promote the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel across New York State. The competitive grant program, which will award up to \$25,000 to twenty-one volunteer first response organizations through the DHSES Office of Fire Prevention & Control, supports the efforts of local volunteer first response agencies to overcome the increasing challenges of maintaining the staffing necessary to protect their communities.

Funding for the program is provided by New York State residents who have designated on their NYS income tax form that a voluntary contribution be made on their behalf for this purpose.

“The recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel is critical to protecting public safety in the State of New York,” said DHSES Commissioner Jerome Hauer. “These volunteers, in many instances, are the first to respond to any emergency in communities throughout our state, providing essential services to their fellow New Yorkers. And, most importantly, this is a program where state residents generously volunteer to fund these organizations who daily make a difference in their communities.”

This program is limited to volunteer firefighting and emergency service organizations and to local, regional and statewide organizations that represent the interests of volunteer firefighting and emergency service personnel.

The funding awarded promotes the recruitment and retention of volunteer fire and emergency services personnel by supporting:

- Organizational leadership development through education and training; and
- Development and implementation of recruitment and retention programs and materials.

The following applicants have been recommended for awards at the funding levels indicated:

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- Develop and implement an in-house leadership training program to enhance the career-volunteer working relationship while promoting leadership skills.

LaGrange Fire District : \$13,000.00

- Cost of attendance for chief officers to Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, National Fire Service Staff and Command Course to promote leadership and retention.
- Leadership development and organizational management at Dutchess Community College to support retention.

Roosevelt Fire District (Dutchess County) : \$13,330.00

- Implementation of a recruitment program and materials targeted at local high school and college students.
- Instructor and leadership training of members to improve retention efforts.