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Maloney and Gibson Announce \$130,500 Investment in Life Saving Equipment for Arlington Fire District

Newburgh, NY – Representatives Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) and Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced that the Arlington Fire District will receive \$130,500 for an investment in new life saving equipment. This investment, through the federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, will replace outdated equipment with the purchase of new advanced life support monitors and defibrillators used by first responders to provide basic and advanced life support to patients in life-threatening conditions.

“For more than 90 years, our firefighters and first responders at the Arlington Fire District have risked their lives to protect our neighbors, and as the largest fire district in Poughkeepsie this critical investment for the Arlington Fire District not only saves lives, but gives our heroes the support they need to continue keeping our homes, businesses and schools safe,” said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney.

“I want to thank the men and women of the Arlington Fire District and their families for sharing so generously of their time and talents to protect their neighbors around the clock,” said Congressman Gibson. “As the son of a volunteer firefighter, I know the many challenges facing departments across Upstate New York. I am proud to support the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which helps our firefighters deliver vital services in communities across the 19th Congressional District.”

“I’m thrilled that we have received this critical funding for our dedicated firefighters and paramedics to better serve our community, and I’m grateful for the continued support of Representative Maloney in making sure we have the tools we need to do so as safely and effectively as possible,” said Arlington Fire District Chief Tory G. Gallante.

Last year, Rep. Maloney helped secure \$238,700 for the Arlington Fire District. The Assistance to Firefighters Grants are administered by the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the Department’s United States Fire Administration. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis to the applicants that most closely address the program’s priorities and demonstrate financial need. More information on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program can be accessed at <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>.