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## **Representative Smola Announces FEMA Grant Awarded to Sturbridge Fire Department**

BOSTON - State Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) is pleased to announce that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the Sturbridge Fire Department an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The Sturbridge Fire Department will be receiving \$159,600.00 for the acquisition of a Brush Fire Truck. FEMA announced Sturbridge's receipt of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant this morning.

"I am very happy to hear that the Sturbridge Fire Department has been awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant," said Representative Smola. "This is a very competitive grant process and these funds will serve to enhance the safety of our community."

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. These grants help firefighters and other first responders to obtain the critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazard.

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