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## **Representative Smola Announces Fire Education Grants Awarded to Local Communities**

**BOSTON – State Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** is pleased to announce that seven fire departments in the 1st Hampden District have been awarded funds through the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE programs for fiscal year 2016. Fire departments awarded grants were:

Brimfield Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,337)  
Holland Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$3,337 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,417)  
Palmer Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$2,347 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$1,745)  
Sturbridge Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$4,237 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,716)  
Three Rivers Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$1,822 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$1,487)  
Ware Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$4,237 and Senior SAFE Grant: \$2,716)  
Warren Fire Department (S.A.F.E. Grant: \$4,237)

“Our local fire departments have always played a critical role in educating residents about fire safety,” said Representative Smola. “The S.A.F.E programs provide important resources for people to learn about fire prevention and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire.”

Since the creation of the S.A.F.E program twenty-one years ago, average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 70%. The fiscal year 2016 S.A.F.E. program awards were announced by the Governor and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

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