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Shuster Announces Grant to the Orbisonia Rockhill Volunteer Fire Company in Huntingdon County

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Bill Shuster is pleased to announce that the Orbisonia Rockhill Volunteer Fire Company has successfully secured a \$29,213 grant through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Fire Fighters Program (AFGP).

The \$29,213 grant will be used to purchase operational and safety equipment in the form of new turn-out gear for the company's firefighters.

"This is welcome news for the volunteers of the Orbisonia fire company," Shuster said. "The turn out gear the fire company will purchase through this grant will protect the lives of firefighters and help them safely serve and protect their community."

"The members of the Orbisonia Rockhill Volunteer Fire Company would like to take this time to express our sincere gratitude to Congressman Shuster and the other government officials who have supported the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program," said Chief Daniel Gilliland. "Our company, along with many other fire companies throughout the nation, has been very fortunate to receive much needed aide from this program. The purchase of the new gear would not have been possible without this grant."

"This grant relieves a great burden on the Orbisonia Rockhill Volunteer firefighters. Our volunteers can now move their focus from fundraising for turnout gear to other lifesaving equipment," the Chief added.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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