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## **Grants Awarded to Shrewsbury and Westborough Fire Departments**

**BOSTON- Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury)** is pleased to announce that the Baker-Polito Administration announced that grants have been awarded to both Shrewsbury and Westborough's Fire Departments to provide for new hoods and gloves for structural firefighting activities. These items will reduce exposure to cancer-causing chemicals to the head and hands, which are high-risk areas for dangerous chemicals to enter the body. The funding is provided for by the Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant Program.

The Shrewsbury Fire Department was also chosen as a recipient of the Washer-Extractor Equipment Grant and will receive a new washer-extractor to clean their structural firefighting gear after exposure to smoke and other toxic chemicals. A national standard set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) on the care and cleaning of structural firefighting gear delineates specific types of machines that should be used to effectively remove cancer-causing chemicals after each fire. All washer-extractors purchased with this grant will meet this standard, and enable personnel to wear clean gear each time they leave the fire station for an emergency.

"Our selfless firefighters are exposed to physical and occupational hazards every day on the job. I am so pleased that we are able to do more to protect them, particularly from the cancer-causing chemicals that have extracted a terrible toll on our first responders," stated Representative Hannah Kane.

The Westborough Fire Department was awarded \$2,484.00 for protective gear and the Shrewsbury Fire Department was awarded \$2,500.00 and another \$5,000.00 as part of the Washer-Extractor Equipment Grant.

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