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The Baker-Polito Administration Announces Grant Awards for Local Fire Departments Throughout the Commonwealth

(Boston – 04/07/2021) The Baker-Polito Administration has announced the recipients of FY21 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program. In total, \$4 million in funding will be awarded to 294 fire departments throughout the state.

“The firefighters of the Commonwealth are true heroes, and they face a tremendous amount of risk every time they respond to a call,” said Senator Michael Moore (D-Millbury). “Therefore, it is crucial that we provide them with the proper resources so that they can be as protected as possible from the hazards they face while on the job.”

“Thank you to the Baker-Polito Administration for awarding this funding to help firefighters stay safe as they carry out the selfless task of protecting our communities every day. Firefighters are true public servants and deserve the best possible protection at all times,” remarked Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury).

The purpose of these grants is to allow fire departments to purchase a variety of equipment to make firefighters jobs safer, such as protective firefighting gear, thermal imaging cameras, and rescue equipment. Overall, there are 114 different types of equipment that fire departments were permitted to apply for.

Firefighters face tremendous health and safety risks, from well-known hazards such as fire and smoke, to long-term complications such as cancer. This funding will help to mitigate these risks by providing additional protections for firefighters throughout the Commonwealth.

The Shrewsbury Fire Department received \$20,000 and the Worcester Fire Department received \$31,998.30.

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