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City Receives \$64,800 Federal Grant for Florence Fire Station Improvements

Northampton, MA – The Northampton Fire Department has been awarded a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$64,800 for the installation of a sprinkler system at the Florence Fire Station, according to Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Fire Chief Brian Duggan.

“Protecting the people who risk their lives to keep our community safe must be one of our highest priorities,” said Mayor Narkewicz. “This grant reflects the value of the work our fire fighters do, and helps support our commitment to our City’s first responders.”

“This project will support the efforts of the Northampton Fire Department to improve the working conditions and safety of all our personnel and protect the investments the City has made in public safety in recent years,” said Chief Duggan. “I want to commend Deputy Chief Chris Norris for his hard work and leadership on securing this grant.”

“It is critical for the federal government to partner with local communities such as Northampton to ensure that our first responders are equipped with the resources necessary both for their own safety and the safety of the residents they serve,” said U.S. Representative Jim McGovern.

“We are constantly looking for outside funding sources to reduce the burden on Northampton taxpayers,” said Mayor Narkewicz. “This federal grant will not only help us protect our fire personnel, but also the long term financial investments in equipment the City has committed to the Department.”

Mayor Narkewicz also expressed his gratitude to U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey for their support for the City’s grant application. Assistance to Firefighters Grants are awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).