

Fire Chief

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Dear Chief Schumaker,

Here is a draft press release on the Department of Homeland Security grant. Please feel free to make any necessary edits or corrections to the release.

Thank you for your help,

Dave

Dorr Fire Department Receives \$146,000 Federal Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Dorr Township Fire Department has received a \$145,892 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to upgrade its personal protective equipment.

“It’s critical that local firefighters are provided with the necessary equipment to protect themselves as they respond to emergencies in the community,” said U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland. “The upgrade in their currently outdated equipment will enhance their safety and improve their operations.”

The grant will fund the purchase of 23 sets of personal protective suits as well as 19 self-contained breathing apparatus units to replace equipment that is up to 20 years old.

“The National Fire Protection Association recommends replacing personal protective turn-out suits every eight years, but is difficult to do with our small department,” Fire Chief Harold Schumaker said. “The federal grant is much-needed funding to upgrade the safety and well-being of our all-volunteer firefighters as they work to save lives and property in Dorr Township.”