

Town of West Hartford

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West Hartford Fire Dept receives grant to fund gear, training

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (June 28, 2017) – On Friday, June 23, 2017, West Hartford Fire Department received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$551,194.

According to Fire Chief Gary Allyn, the money will be used to replace all 53 of the department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), the air compressor at Station 2, and training on the apparatus, including the Fall live fire training at the Connecticut Fire Academy."

The current SCBAs and air compressor are over twenty years old and are in much need of replacement.

Leon Davidoff, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Public Safety committee, applauds the efforts of the town administrative staff who were responsible for submitting and securing these FEMA grant funds.

"Our firefighters bravely serve our community and it is essential that they have the necessary safety equipment to perform their duties and to stay compliant with national standards. Additionally, as a result of this generous federal grant, the Town Council will not have to appropriate local tax dollars for these self-contained breathing apparatus units," he said.

West Hartford was one of four towns in Connecticut to receive the funding. The other towns were Fairfield (\$100,717), Ledyard \$242,096) and New Milford (\$45,455).

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