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[WASHINGTON, D.C.] On Friday, Congressman Lipinski announced that the Burbank Fire Department was awarded \$571,500 through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG). Congressman Lipinski announced the grant award at the Burbank Fire Department facility where he was joined by State Senator Louis Viverito, Burbank Fire Chief Richard Harper, and Burbank Mayor Harry Klein. The grant will be used by the fire department to purchase a new vehicle.

"Federal funding is needed to meet the increased demands being placed on our nation's firefighters," said Rep. Lipinski. "This grant of over five-hundred and fifty thousand dollars will allow the Burbank Fire Department to purchase a much needed new vehicle. In doing so, Burbank Fire Department will be able to continue to build upon their already impressive record of service while improving the safety and quality of life of area residents."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants program provides needed federal funds to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations in order to improve the response capabilities of our nation's first responders and the safety of our communities.

"I am proud to announce this grant award and look forward to continuing to work to improve the resources and capabilities of the Third District's first responders," said Rep. Lipinski.