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Legislation Provides Critical Funding for Fire Departments and First Responders

[Washington, D.C.] – Today, Representative Dan Lipinski (IL-3) helped pass H.R. 4847, the U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008. This legislation extends authorization of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) until 2012, and reauthorizes the U.S. Fire Administrator to continue to provide grants to state and local fire departments. Some of these funds are disbursed through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which provides vital federal funds to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations in order to improve the response capabilities of local first responders and the safety of our communities.

“The first responders of our communities perform a difficult and dangerous job, regularly putting their lives on the line for the safety of others,” stated Rep. Lipinski. “This bill will continue an important grant program that has been invaluable to so many of our local first responders. I recently met with the USFA’s Assistant Administrator Gregory Cade to discuss critical needs of the Third District and I will continue to work with him to improve the safety and quality of life of local residents.”

Since entering Congress in 2005, Rep. Lipinski has brought back over \$3.2 million in federal funding for first responders in the Third Congressional District of Illinois, including the communities of Berwyn, Bridgeview, Brookfield, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Hometown, Justice, LaGrange, La Grange Highlands, LaGrange Park, Lyons, Merrionette Park, North Riverside, Oak Lawn, Palos Hills, Riverside, Stickney, Western Springs, and Willow Springs.

“As a proud cosponsor of this legislation I am pleased with today’s action in the House and look forward to swift passage in the Senate,” stated Lipinski.