

## (July 31, 2008) Lipinski Announces Federal Grant to North Palos Fire Protection District

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) announced that the North Palos Fire Protection District, which serves Palos Hills and part of Hickory Hills, will be awarded \$16,255 through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG). This 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.

"First responders perform a difficult and dangerous job, regularly putting their lives on the line for the safety of others," said Rep. Lipinski. "I believe it is my responsibility to support the important mission and safety of first responders by securing necessary federal funds. This grant of over sixteen thousand dollars will allow the North Palos Fire Protection District to improve upon their already impressive record of service to Palos Hills, Hickory Hills, and surrounding communities, and in doing so, improve the safety and quality of life of the local residents. I am proud to announce this grant and I look forward to continuing to work to improve the resources and capabilities of the Third District's first responders."

Since entering Congress in 2005, Congressman Lipinski has brought back over \$3.3 million in federal funding for first responders in the Third Congressional District of Illinois. These funds are used to assist firefighters and other first responders in obtaining emergency vehicles, equipment, protective gear, training, and other resources.