

(August 29, 2008) Lipinski Announces \$54,150 Federal Grant to Western Springs Fire Department

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) announced that the Western Springs Fire Department will be awarded \$54,150 through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG). Congressman Lipinski is Chicagoland's only member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee which has oversight of the Department of Homeland Security.

This 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. The Western Springs Fire Department is going to use this \$54,150 grant to purchase new laptops for command vehicles, communications and hearing protection headsets for fire apparatuses, and a new hydraulic rescue device.

"All first responders perform a difficult and dangerous job," said Rep. Lipinski. "They put their lives on the line each and every day, so we can be safe. I want to do all that I can to fully support the important mission and safety of first responders. And as a resident of Western Springs I know many of our fire fighters and I have great respect for the work they do keeping my home and family safe. This federal assistance will provide equipment that will help these men and women do the best possible job in keeping our community safe."

Since entering Congress in 2005, Congressman Lipinski has brought back over \$3.4 million in federal funding for first responders in the Third Congressional District of Illinois.