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CHAMBERSBURG FIRE DEPT. RECIVES FEMA FIREFIGHTER SAFETY GRANT

Chambersburg – On May 18, 2016, the Chambersburg Fire Department received a notice of award for Federal funding in the amount of $122,664 from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The grant will be used to pay for the installation of two Source Capture Exhaust Systems at the Fire Department's Headquarters Station and its McKinley Street Station.

"These grants are very competitive and we're extremely thankful to Senator Pat Toomey for advocating for this award. GMS Funding Solutions also helped us craft our application, which proved helpful in our success." stated Dustin L. Ulrich, CFO, Assistant Emergency Services Chief, Chambersburg Fire Department.

The Source Capture Exhaust Systems, to be installed at the Department's Headquarters, constructed in 1975, and its McKinley Street Station, constructed in 1959, are hose-based products that remove harmful diesel fumes from the Department's facilities. The systems have been deemed a high priority for the AFG program since diesel fumes were identified as possible occupational carcinogens by the National Health and Safety Institute.

President of Council Allen Coffman remarked: "Promoting the health and safety of the firefighters that protect the people and property in this community is paramount. We're pleased that FEMA approved the Department's request and that the equipment will be installed quickly to minimize any additional exposure to our first responders."

The Borough further commented on its appreciation for the on-going support of Senator Bob Casey and Congressman Bob Shuster.

The total cost of the equipment and its installation is expected to be $134,930. The Department's share is $12,266. The FEMA grant will fund the balance.

Please send any questions or comments to Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager, at jstonehill@chambersburgpa.gov

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