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## ***Shuster Announces Grant to Somerset Area Ambulance***

*Washington, D.C.* – This morning, **Congressman Bill Shuster** joined members of Somerset Area Ambulance to congratulate them on their successful application for a \$41,477 grant through the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Fire Fighters Program (AFGP).

The \$41,477 grant will be used to purchase five new Stryker Power Cots, which will be used to transport patients. The power cots are hydraulically controlled and allow the emergency service personnel at Somerset Area Ambulance to reduce the amount of physical strain they undergo during the process of loading and off-loading patients from their ambulances.

“The addition of the Stryker Power Cots will allow first responders from Somerset Ambulance to transport patients in a safe, efficient manner,” Shuster said. “Without this grant, departments like Somerset Ambulance would not be able to afford expensive equipment like this. I am pleased that their grant application was approved and I am sure the Somerset community will be well served by this equipment.”

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security’s Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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