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Warren Fire Department Receives \$455,000 Equipment Grant to Enhance Firefighter Safety

Warren, MI – July 30, 2024 – The Warren Fire Department is pleased to announce that it has been awarded an Equipment Grant of \$455,000 by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. This grant will purchase 130 sets of Turn Out Gear, including pants, coats, and boots for the emergency response division.

This vital equipment upgrade aims to enhance the health and safety of firefighters by ensuring they have an alternative set of gear available to use while their primary gear is undergoing cleaning and decontamination after exposure to hazardous substances and carcinogens from fire emergencies or chemical contaminants from incidents. With this support, the Warren Fire Department will improve operational readiness and continue to safeguard the community with heightened protection for its firefighters.

Commissioner Wilburt McAdams of the Warren Fire Department expressed gratitude for the grant, stating, “We are deeply thankful for the support from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. This grant not only bolsters our capability to protect our firefighters but also reinforces our commitment to providing the best possible safety measures for our team. It’s a clear indication of the value placed on the welfare of those who risk their lives to keep our community safe.”

This grant is also a testament to the growing collaboration between the state of Michigan, the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union, and the City of Warren fire department. The ongoing partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing firefighter safety and supporting the essential work of emergency response teams across the state.

“Receiving this generous grant is a tremendous boost for our fire department and a vital investment in the safety of our firefighters. The grant not only ensures our first responders have the best equipment available but also helps save taxpayer dollars by alleviating the financial burden of these essential purchases,” Warren Mayor Lori M. Stone affirms, “I am proud to build strong partnerships with state agencies and am grateful for their continued support of our community’s heroes.”

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