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WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) today announced that a federal grant of \$331,660 has been awarded to the Hartford Fire Department. The funding will go toward new personal protective equipment for firefighters in the department. The grant is funded through the Assistance to Firefighters Program and is administered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“This grant will go to new personal protective gear for firefighters in Hartford to help ensure their own safety while they save lives and property in our communities,” said Larson. “Last year more than 100 firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty. In addition to those lost this year, hundreds more died due to the horrific attack on the United States last week. This grant and others like it can make a difference in protecting the health and safety of these brave men and women.”

The Assistance to Firefighters Program was authorized by Congress in 2000, and thus far has awarded \$62.3 million to fire departments across the country. The program will distribute \$100 million through September 30.

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