New Jersey American Water Announces 2024 Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Grant Recipients

21 departments receive over $49,700 in funding

CAMDEN, N.J. – SEPT 9, 2024 – In honor of the memory and sacrifice of the 9/11 first responders, New Jersey American Water today announced the recipients of its 2024 Volunteer Fire and EMS Grant Program. This year, 21 volunteer fire and EMS departments located within the company's service areas have been chosen to receive grants, totaling over $49,700. The funds will be used to support initiatives, training and/or upgraded equipment to help responders better protect themselves and the communities they serve.

"Safety is paramount at New Jersey American Water, which is why we are proud to support those who keep our community safe every day," shared Mark Iannarella, director of Health and Safety, New Jersey American Water and former volunteer firefighter, Pennsauken Fire Department. "Through our Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Grant Program, we assist these brave men and women who selflessly and tirelessly work to protect our communities. We hope these funds will make their vital tasks a little easier."

This year's grants will be used in various ways by each department including purchasing gas meters, imaging cameras, hoses, emergency lights, and other rescue equipment as well as important training courses and tools.

The 2024 Volunteer Firefighter and EMS grant recipients include:

- Bargaintown Volunteer Fire Company, Atlantic County
- Bayview Volunteer Fire Company, Atlantic County
- Bradley Gardens First Aid & Rescue Squad, Somerset County
- Budd Lake First Aid & Rescue Squad, Morris County
- Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company, Atlantic County
- Chester Volunteer Fire Company, Morris County
- Dunellen Fire Department, Middlesex County
- Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department, Atlantic County
- Far Hills Bedminster Fire Department, Somerset County
- Florham Park Fire, Morris County
- Laurel Springs Fire Department, Camden County
- Lawnside Fire Company, Camden County
- Linwood Fire Department, Atlantic County
- Mantoloking Fire Company, Ocean County
- Manville Fire Department, Somerset County
- Neptune City Fire Company, Monmouth County
- Oceanport Volunteer Fire Aid and Rescue Squad, Monmouth County
- Scotch Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Union County
- Seaville Fire Rescue, Ocean County
- Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company, Atlantic County
- South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire #5, Atlantic County

Recipients of the grant have been notified by New Jersey American Water, and the company will present checks this week to departments in attendance at the 2024 New Jersey State Fireman's Association Convention in Wildwood, NJ on Friday, September 13, 2024.

Since launching the grant program in 2011, New Jersey American Water has awarded 311 grants totaling more than $368,000 to 161 local volunteer fire departments and emergency response units throughout its service areas. More information about New Jersey American Water's Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Grant Program can be found online at www.newjerseyamwater.com/community.

About New Jersey American Water

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.9 million people.

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