

New Jersey American Water Presents \$2,500 Grant to South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Company No. 5

Funding Supports Purchase of Critical Firefighter Safety Equipment

CAMDEN, N.J. – Sept. 10, 2026 – New Jersey American Water presented South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Company No. 5 with a \$2,500 grant through its 2026 Volunteer Fire and EMS Grant Program. The company awarded approximately \$50,000 to 21 volunteer fire and emergency medical services departments across its service areas. South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Company No. 5 will use the grant to purchase six masks and storage bags for its existing self-contained breathing apparatus, or SCBA. The equipment will help improve firefighter safety and emergency response capabilities.

“Local first responders understand which tools and resources will have the greatest impact in the communities they serve,” said Kim Schalek Downes, Vice President of Business Development, Government and External Affairs. “Through this program, we're proud to help departments make those important investments year after year.”

This year's grants support a variety of initiatives across participating departments, including the purchase of gas leak detectors, gas meters, defibrillators, thermal imaging cameras, firefighter safety equipment, and other critical lifesaving resources.

Since launching the program in 2011, New Jersey American Water has awarded 353 grants totaling more than \$587,500 to 176 local volunteer fire departments and emergency response units in its service areas. More information about the program is available at www.newjerseyamwater.com/community.

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