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Mr. William B. Long  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 C Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Long,

I write in support of the application submitted by Summitville Fire Department for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will allow the Department to purchase new rescue tools.

The Summitville Fire Department is an all-volunteer, 25-member district organization. The District consists of the Hamlet of Summitville in the Town of Mamakating and the communities of Philipsport and Mount Vernon in Sullivan County, as well as the Hamlet of Spring Glen in the Town of Warwarsing in Ulster County. The Department's district encompasses 25.7 square miles and a population of 5,975 residents.

The requested funding will be used to purchase new rescue tools that will provide firefighters with the proper equipment needed to respond to an increase in motor vehicle accidents. In recent years, auto manufacturers have made vehicles with stronger metals that the current equipment cannot cut through. The new hydraulic equipment is battery operated, lighter, and more portable allowing for quicker deployment and less fatigue on the rescuer. The Department will use funding to purchase a high pressure cutter, high pressure spreader, ram, combination cutter, windshield cutter, safety glasses, and a carry bag. This equipment will ensure that firefighters are able to respond to emergency situations as safely and effectively as possible.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Laura Driscoll at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator