

Schumer delivers \$1.5 M for first responders



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More than \$1.5 million in federal grants will be given to 22 emergency response agencies across New York state, including a fire company that responded to the crash of the Continental Flight 3407 two weeks ago.

The Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Co., in Eire County, which responded to the plane crash, will receive \$63,569 of the grants. The money will also go to Columbia County first responders, three Rochester-Finger Lakes fire departments, Eire County fire departments and three Capital Region fire departments.

"When there is an emergency, like the one we had [on Feb. 12] our first responders on the front lines must have the equipment and support they need to continue to do their jobs well," said U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-Brooklyn, in a press release. "Our nation's firefighters are truly American heroes. It is essential that we help them to do their jobs safely and efficiently and this federal money will provide our firefighters with the resources they need to keep our communities safe."

The money comes from the Assistance to Firefighters grants, which provide funding for equipment costs, training and safety programs and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response programs, which provide funding to help maintain 24-hour staffing. Both grant programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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