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## Press Release

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### **Delhi Fire Department Receives Grant for Personal Protection Equipment**

The Delhi Township Fire Department has been awarded a Federal grant of more than \$185,000 to replace the Personal Protection Equipment worn by its firefighters and to initiate training needed to move the Township's public protection class closer to an elusive rating of 1. The grant requires a 10% match by the Township.

Personal Protection Equipment, referred to as PPE, are the garments worn by firefighters during fire and rescue calls. These fire garments, by standard, are to be replaced at least every 10 years. This grant now allows the department to create a 10 year budget plan for the next replacement cycle. The grant replaces boots, pants, coats, gloves, hoods, and helmets at a cost of \$2,145 per set. The retiring PPE can be used during training to preserve the life of the new PPE. The training is targeted at increasing firefighter certification levels to bolster Delhi Township's points during the next public protection class inspection slated for 2014. Officer and leadership instruction is also included within the \$77,000 portion awarded for training.

For additional information, please contact Fire Chief Bill Zoz, 513-922-2011.