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WOODBINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FUNDING

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department has made application to the FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for funding in the amount of \$116,193.

The equipment to be purchased with this grant would include 16 units of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with face piece and with cylinder.

An additional \$600 is being requested for training costs for training on the use, care, and maintenance of the equipment.

The Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection service for an eight-square-mile area of north-western Cape May County, including portions of the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge and Belleplain State Forest, as well as the Woodbine Developmental Center and the Woodbine Municipal Airport. The Volunteer Fire Department also has reciprocal agreements with neighboring Dennis Township, Upper Township, etc. to insure adequate "coverage" in the event of fire emergencies and other natural disasters. The Borough of Woodbine is located along the Emergency Evacuation Route for Coastal Communities in Cape May County.

"These newer SCBAs will allow our firefighters the agility and speed required to make quicker responses in hazardous situations given this upgraded equipment," added Mayor Pikolycky.