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WOODBINE MAKES APPLICATIONS TO FEMA

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine and the Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department have jointly made two applications to the Department of Homeland Security for two applications totaling approximately \$ 130,000 under the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The first, in the amount of \$97,375, is for a emergency four-wheel drive vehicle for use by the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT); this would replace the converted 1987 ambulance that the team currently uses. The five-member RIT team is trained to retrieve injured and/or trapped firefighters from within the blaze, and provides these services for both Woodbine and its mutual aid communities. Since 2007, Woodbine has gone on 15 RIT calls within northern Cape May County. The replacement of the converted ambulance with an off-road transport vehicle will enhance the team's ability to respond, rapidly and safely, to the scene of a fire to rescue injured and trapped firefighters.

The second, in the amount of \$32,509, is for purchase of air packs, specifically: five Scott Air Pack 75's with dual EBSS, quick disconnect, integrated PASS device and sixty-minute carbon cylinder plus one Scott spare carbon cylinder. This personal safety equipment is also for use by the Rapid Intervention Team. This new equipment would assist our department in complying with regulations set in the National Fire Protection Handbook.

"These applications would bring our Rapid Intervention Team up-to-date equipment, allowing them to better serve not only our own firefighters in time of rescue need, but also those of our neighboring mutual assistance communities," noted Mayor Pikolycky. "It is important that our volunteers are provided with equipment that keeps them both safe and compliant."