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Pittsfield Township Leads Receipt of a \$257,000 FEMA Grant

Pittsfield Township (July 11, 2014) – Pittsfield Township’s Fire Department has received, for the second consecutive year, a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant. The 2014 grant of \$257,000 is part of FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

“This grant was submitted by Pittsfield Township as a regional endeavor and includes the Townships of Ann Arbor, Augusta, Superior, and Ypsilanti, as well as the City of Ypsilanti,” noted Supervisor Mandy Grewal. “Pittsfield Township’s commitment to regional initiatives continues to bear fruit and prove beneficial for residents in Pittsfield and Washtenaw County. Pittsfield Township greatly values its outstanding firefighters and is committed to leading and partnering with others in the region to ensure the safety of all,” continued Grewal.

“This federal grant award is greatly appreciated because it allows our firefighters to upgrade outdated firefighter turnout gear that includes pants, jackets, boots, helmets, gloves, and flame resistant hoods which are critically important to ensuring the safety of our firefighters as they conduct operations in fire and smoke-filled environments to save lives,” explained Matthew Harshberger, Director of Public Safety for Pittsfield Township.

The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

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