

## 5/10/2007 - Sires Announces \$223,954 For Jersey City Fire Department

Funding will help fire prevention efforts

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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Albio Sires announced today that the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the Jersey City Fire Department \$223,954 for the department's fire prevention efforts. The Jersey City Fire Department will use the federal grant for a prevention and awareness project in conjunction with Jersey City elementary schools this October during Fire Safety Week.

"Firefighters play a vital role in teaching fire prevention awareness in our communities. The Jersey City Fire Department will be able to continue their fire prevention work by using this federal funding to help educate Jersey City's elementary school students about fire safety," said Congressman Sires. "Teaching our youngsters to be aware of the ways to prevent fires today will certainly help reduce the prevalence of fires in the future."

The funding for Jersey City was awarded through the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) program, which is a part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program under the purview of FEMA. FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and mitigate high incidences of death and injury.

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