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$25,022.01 Grant Awarded to Bessemer City Volunteer Fire Department

Office of State Fire Marshal Sends Award Check for New Equipment

RALEIGH - State Fire Marshal Brian Taylor announced that the Bessemer City Volunteer Fire Department was awarded a $25,022.01 grant through the 2024 Volunteer Fire Department Fund from the State of North Carolina.

The check will be mailed to Fire Chief Brent Gordon to be used by the Department to purchase needed equipment. The equipment is purchased using matching funds and must be approved by the Office of State Fire Marshal.

"Fire and rescue organizations protect our communities large and small across North Carolina, but sometimes their budgets don't grow with their responsibilities," State Fire Marshal Taylor said. "Our emergency service personnel should be supported with the best equipment and supplies needed to do their jobs correctly and safely."

"I know the Bessemer City Volunteer Fire Department, will use this money to serve their community even better," Taylor added. "Thank you, Chief Brent Gordon, for all of your hard work and thanks to your dedicated staff."

Bessemer City Volunteer Fire Department has received a total of $150,831.80 from the Volunteer Fire Department Fund since the program began. The General Assembly created the Volunteer Fire Department Fund in 1988 to help volunteer units raise money for equipment and supplies. The grant funds must be matched dollar-for-dollar for an amount approved up to $40,000, unless the department receives less than $50,000 per year from municipal and county funding, in which case the applicant shall match $1 for each $3 of grant funds up to $40,000. Since the program's inception, the Office of State Fire Marshal has distributed $177,891,669.10 to volunteer fire departments across the state.

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