

Boring Fire District Receives Fire Fighter Safety Grant

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Washington, D.C.—The Boring Rural Fire Protection District #59 will receive a \$250,397 federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security to assist firefighters, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) announced today. The funds will be used to outfit all of the district's firefighters with new air masks.

“This is the kind of federal expenditure that will really make a difference here in Oregon,” Blumenauer said. “First responders, like the Boring Fire District, are on the front lines responding to disasters in our communities. This grant will help them to continue to be effective in their duties.”

The new air masks, called self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs), will be equipped with heads up displays that allow firefighters to know how much air is left in the SCBAs and make communication between firefighters easier and clearer.

“This grant means our fire fighters will be safer and better equipped to serve the community,” said Fire Chief Doug Branch. “It will allow us to replace our existing SCBAs with state of the art ones that meet national safety and security standards.”

The funds were awarded by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's “Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant Program.” The program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States to increase effectiveness in fighting fires as well as to promote fire prevention and safety programs.