

Hoodland Fire District Receives Grant to Increase Safety at School

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Washington, D.C.—The Hoodland Fire District #74 will receive a \$258,300 federal grant for fire prevention from the Department of Homeland Security, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) announced today. The funds will be used to install sprinkler systems in Welches School and the District's fire station. This is the third federal fire prevention grant awarded to the District from the Department of Homeland Security.

"I'm pleased to announce this funding which will make both the kids at Welches school safer and the fire fighters who serve the community safer," said Blumenauer.

The funding is highly welcomed by the District. According to Fire Chief David Olson, Welches School is the only school within the Fire District, and houses both an elementary and middle school within the Oregon Trail School District.

"This is probably the most important building we have and if we lost it, it would be devastating to the community," Olson said. "Any fire we have in the school will now be put out with minimal damage."

The grant is part of \$3.8 million in federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's "Assistance to Firefighter Grant" (AFG) program. Priority in awarding the grants is given to projects with a focus on prevention of fire-related injuries to children.