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MARTINSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT ON FIRE MARSHAL'S LISTENING TOUR

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal wants to make sure local fire departments have everything they need to safeguard lives and property. On Monday, State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers and his team visited the Martinsville Fire Department in Martinsville to award a \$10,000 equipment grant for protective clothing, self-contained breathing apparatus and miscellaneous items.

The purpose of the training and equipment grant programs are to offset the cost of state-certified firefighter training programs and/or equipment purchases to local governments in the state of Ohio.

"This program allows Ohio's fire departments to purchase new equipment for their first responders to better protect our citizens," said Commerce Interim Director Jayme Brown.

The stop was one of many on Marshal Flowers' 'Listening Tour' as he travels the state to meet with first responders. The tour is important to the Marshal so that he can listen to fire service personnel wherever and whenever he can in order for his office to better assist them with their needs.

"These firefighters must have the protective equipment they need to perform their jobs," said Marshal Flowers. "We want to make sure that each responder will be able to serve fully and return home safely at the end of an emergency. This grant will help enable that."

Local fire departments chosen for the grant were selected based on a variety of criteria, including the fire department's annual budget, annual number of fire incidents and the resident population served by the department.

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