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HUNTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT ON STATE 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. State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers and his team visited the Huntsville Volunteer Fire Department today in Huntsville to award a \$10,000 equipment grant that will be used for upgrading the fire suppression system for the department's engine.

The purpose of the grant program is to offset the cost of 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 Director Andre Porter.

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 on how his office can 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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