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CANAL FULTON 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 the training they need to safeguard lives and property in Ohio. State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers and his team visited the Canal Fulton Fire Department today in Stark County to award a \$4,233 training grant.

The purpose of the grant program is to offset the cost of training to local governments in the state of Ohio.

“This program allows Ohio’s fire departments to get better training for their first responders so that they can 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 thank Ohio’s fire service for being the driving force in last year’s lowest number of fire-related fatalities in 27 years. He then listens to fire service personnel on how his office can better assist them with their needs.

“These firefighters must have the training 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.”

The grant and loan programs, along with the other services offered by the Division of State Fire Marshal, demonstrate the ongoing partnership at the state and local levels. The support of the Ohio General Assembly and the current Administration has been instrumental in funding these initiatives.

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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