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Harckham's \$50,000 Grant Helps Stony Point FD Enhance Firefighter Safety

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Stony Point Fire Department

Part of \$3.1 million in grant funding secured for Stony Point and North Rockland schools

Stony Point, NY – New York State Senator Pete Harckham announced today that the Stony Point Fire District has been awarded a \$50,000 state grant for the purchase and maintenance of critical firefighter turnout gear, including specialized equipment designed for combating

wildfires, all of which will help ensure the safety and effectiveness of the town's first responders.

The State Senate grant was funded through the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program, administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).

Harckham has so far secured a total of \$3.1 million in grant funding for the Town of Stony Point, North Rockland schools, libraries and non-profit organizations serving the community since the town became part of the 40th Senate District in 2022.

"Our volunteer firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities, and they deserve the best tools and equipment to do their jobs safely," said Harckham. "This CREST grant will provide the Stony Point Fire District with updated turnout gear, including specialized suits for wildfires, which are increasingly necessary as we face more extreme weather and fire risks due to climate change. I'm proud to deliver this funding to support our firefighters and ease the burden on local taxpayers."

The grant will enable the Fire District to equip its firefighters with modern, high-quality turnout gear, which includes protective clothing such as jackets, pants, helmets, and boots. A portion of the funding is earmarked specifically for specialized wildfire gear, designed to withstand the intense heat and rugged conditions of wildland firefighting. This investment ensures that firefighters are prepared to respond to a wide range of emergencies, from structure fires to the growing threat of wildfires in the region.

"On behalf of the Stony Point Fire District, we extend our gratitude to Senator Harckham for securing this critical funding," said Kevin Huslinger, chair of the Stony Point Fire District Board of Commissioners. "This grant will allow us to outfit our firefighters with the latest

protective gear, including specialized equipment for wildfires, which is essential as we work to keep our community safe in an ever-changing environment. Senator Harckham's support strengthens our ability to serve and protect."

Stony Point Fire Chief Kurt Mulligan added, "With this new gear, our firefighters can face both structure fires and wildfires with the appropriate safety equipment, each of which is designed for the specific nature of those calls. It's not just about equipment—it's about bringing our team home safely after every call. We're incredibly thankful for this investment in our district and fire company members."

Since taking office in 2019, Harckham has delivered more than \$30 million in State Senate grant funding to municipalities, first responders and nonprofits in the 40th Senate District.