WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter today announced more than $89,000 has been awarded to the Ridge-Culver Fire District to recruit and retain volunteers so local fire companies can adequately respond to local emergencies.

The $89,591 grant came from the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant as part of their Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program.

"I'm pleased that the Ridge-Culver Fire District has been awarded this federal funding because it will give the first responders the resources they need to continue caring for our community in times of tragedy," said Slaughter.

For more information on the Ridge-Culver Fire District, visit

http://www.ridgeculverfire.com/index.shtml