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**MANZI, KERRY, BROWN, TSONGAS ANNOUNCE METHUEN FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TO RECEIVE \$138,494**

Mayor William M. Manzi, Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown, together with Congresswoman Niki Tsongas today announced that the Methuen Fire Department will receive \$138,494 under the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The federal funding will enable firefighters to deal more effectively with fire-related emergencies.

"This is a moral issue, pure and simple. Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day and we've got a fundamental responsibility to keep them as safe as possible. This investment will allow Chief Steven Buote to upgrade equipment and enhance the department's ability to respond to emergency situations quickly and effectively," said Senator Kerry.

"Every day, our hardworking firefighters risk their lives to keep our families and communities safe, and we owe it to them to provide the financial resources to keep them safe in their incredibly dangerous jobs. This funding is an important step in that direction, and I am pleased our firefighters will soon receive upgraded equipment that will allow them to better carry out their work," said Senator Brown.

"Our fire and rescue personnel selflessly serve our communities and it is so important that they have the emergency equipment they need to do their jobs and stay safe," said Congresswoman Niki Tsongas. "I congratulate the Methuen Fire Department for its work in obtaining these funds which will help further these very important goals."

"The hazards associated with the duties of being a professional firefighter are numerous and well documented. For this reason, it is imperative that today's firefighters are well protected. The protective clothing that the firefighters employed by the City of Methuen currently use is old, worn-out, and non-compliant with today's standards," said Chief Steven Buote.

Mayor Manzi thanked the Federal Delegation for the grant. "I promised Chief Buote and the Fire Department new gear this year," Manzi stated, "and even in these hard economic times, we are now able to get the equipment needed to protect our firefighters. This is money well spent."

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