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Springfield Fire Department to Receive $1 Million Federal Grant

The Springfield Fire Department has been awarded a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant for nearly $1 million. This grant will be used to purchase mobile and portable radios for all fire departments within Greene County. This program is a competitive grant process through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which requires a 20% local match. Springfield Fire Department will receive $217,606. Of this amount, $174,950 is from the grant and $43,521 is the match. The matching funds are from level property tax.

Over the next several years, the current radio system infrastructure will migrate to the next generation technology to utilize digital technology and to comply with the new P-25 standard. The new radios will allow the fire departments to operate on the new system.

According to Assistant Fire Chief David Pennington, “This grant is critical in providing the local fire service with the tools we need. It simply would not have been possible for us to replace these radios without this grant.”

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