



Greenfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

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Greenfield Fire District Receives another Grant from Senator Hugh Farley, Completes the First Round of Emergency Generator Installations

GREENFIELD CENTER, NY – the Greenfield Fire District is seeing the first stage of a new initiative come to fruition. The district began an initiative in the Spring of 2006 to install an emergency generator in each of its four firehouses. These generators will provide power to the facilities during lengthy periods without electricity.

“We’ve had one lengthy period without electricity each of the past two winters,” commented Commissioner Richard M. Spackmann. “We had one record windstorm in February of 2006 which left the majority of the Town of Greenfield without power for nearly four days and we had a significant ice storm this winter causing loss of power for over a day. Our fire companies ran around the clock during both emergencies so it’s important to keep our facilities operational.”

Chairman Donald Kugler has been heading a grant initiative with the Office of State Senator Hugh Farley over the past two years which has drawn \$42,500 in grant money earmarked for the emergency generator initiative. But this grant initiative isn’t only for emergency generators to power the firehouses, it also outlines the purchase of smaller portable generators which can be used at houses.

“During power outages, our firefighters went door to door making sure that residents were safe and they left messages if residents weren’t home. One of the things we did find during these outages was that there are a lot of residents on medical devices that require electricity. Things like oxygen machines, ventilators, etc.”

Part of the grant initiative includes the purchase of small portable emergency generators that can power these devices.

“We’ll store these small generators throughout the fire district at our firehouses and we can bring them to people in need during these power outages,” commented Chairman Kugler.

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Commissioner Thomas Robarge has been overseeing the installation of the new generator at the Greenfield Center fire station. “The Greenfield Center generator will be operational by the middle of July,” added Commissioner Robarge. “We have been so pleased with Senator Farley’s support over the past two years – it’s that support that has made this initiative a reality.”

Because of the grant money, Kugler states that the Board of Fire Commissioners is looking into installing a second generator this year at either the Middle Grove or Porter Corners facilities. “We originally budgeted to install one generator at year at one of our four facilities.”

Picture requests and questions concerning this press release can be forwarded to Commissioner Thomas Robarge via the contact information above or Chairman Donald Kugler.

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About the Greenfield Fire District

The Greenfield Fire District encompasses all of the Town of Greenfield and the southeastern part of the Town of Wilton including the Exit 15 commercial corridor.

The Greenfield Fire District is composed of four sister fire companies: Greenfield Center, Porter Corners, Middle Grove and Maple Avenue. It is the largest fire district in Saratoga County and is the busiest volunteer fire district in the county running over 1100 calls annually.