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Nationwide the Proposed FY 2007 Budget Stiffs Fire Stations By \$707 Million; New York Stations Could Lose \$31 Million

New York Fire Fighters In Almost 700 Municipalities Have Received Over \$102 Million Since 2001

The proposed federal budget for Fiscal Year 2007 shortchanges local fire departments nationwide \$707 million that was promised by Congress. Since the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program began in 2001, New York State fire departments have received more than \$100 million from the program; these new cuts could shortchange upstate New York fire departments by \$31 million next year. Senator Schumer is working to restore this critical funding for fire departments by seeking to increase the allocation to \$1 billion nationwide. Below is a countyby-county breakdown of how much fire departments in each county have previously received from the program and how much the proposed cuts could impact each county next year.

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Capital Region: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Capital Region have received \$13 million for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

| County | Firefighter Grants to Since 2001 | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Albany | \$2.4 million | |
| Fulton | \$1.1 million | |
| Montgomery | \$2.3 million | |
| Rensselaer | \$2 million | |
| Saratoga | \$2 million | |
| Schenectady | \$1.1 million | |
| Schoharie | \$1.1 million | |
| Washington | \$1 million | |
| Capital Region | \$13 million | |

Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program would mean approximately \$5.5 million in additional aid for these departments next year, \$3.9 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

| County | 2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal | 2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal | Difference |
|----------------|---|---|-------------|
| Albany | \$990,000 | \$290,000 | \$700,000 |
| Fulton | \$470,000 | \$140,000 | \$330,000 |
| Montgomery | \$960,000 | \$280,000 | \$680,000 |
| Rensselaer | \$860,000 | \$250,000 | \$610,000 |
| Saratoga | \$860,000 | \$250,000 | \$610,000 |
| Schenectady | \$480,000 | \$140,000 | \$340,000 |
| Schoharie | \$460,000 | \$130,000 | \$330,000 |
| Washington | \$420,000 | \$120,000 | \$300,000 |
| Capital Region | \$5,500,000 | \$1,600,000 | \$3,900,000 |

Central New York: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in Central New York have received \$10 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

| County | Firefighter Grants to Since 2001 | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Cortland | \$500,000 | |
| Madison | \$1 million | |
| Oneida | \$3.9 million | |
| Onondaga | \$3 million | |
| Oswego | \$1.6 million | |
| Central New York | \$10 million | |

Senator Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program could mean \$4.2 million in additional aid for these departments, \$3 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

| County | 2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal | 2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal | Difference |
|------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Cortland | \$220,000 | \$63,000 | \$150,000 |
| Madison | \$420,000 | \$120,000 | \$300,000 |
| Oneida | \$1,600,000 | \$480,000 | \$1,200,000 |
| Onondaga | \$1,300,000 | \$370,000 | \$880,000 |
| Oswego | \$670,000 | \$200,000 | \$480,000 |
| Central New York | \$4,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | \$3,000,000 |

Rochester/Finger Lakes: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Rochester/Fingers Lakes region have received \$12.7 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

| County | Firefighter Grants to Since 2001 | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Cayuga | \$1.9 million | |
| Livingston | \$1.8 million | |
| Monroe | \$3.3 million | |
| Ontario | \$1.8 million | |
| Schuyler | \$700,000 | |
| Seneca | \$700,000 | |
| Tompkins | \$600,000 | |
| Wayne | \$1.3 million | |
| Yates | \$600,000 | |
| Rochester/Finger Lakes | \$12.7 million | |

Senator Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program could mean \$5.4 million in additional aid for these departments, \$3.8 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

| County | 2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal | 2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal | Difference |
|----------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| Cayuga | \$810,000 | \$240,000 | \$570,000 |
| Livingston | \$750,000 | \$220,000 | \$530,000 |
| Monroe | \$1,400,000 | \$410,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Ontario | \$770,000 | \$230,000 | \$550,000 |
| Schuyler | \$290,000 | \$84,000 | \$200,000 |
| Seneca | \$280,000 | \$81,000 | \$200,000 |
| Tompkins | \$240,000 | \$69,000 | \$170,000 |
| Wayne | \$570,000 | \$170,000 | \$400,000 |
| Yates | \$270,000 | \$79,000 | \$190,000 |
| Rochester/ Finger Lakes | \$5,400,000 | \$1,600,000 | \$3,800,000 |

Hudson Valley: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Hudson Valley have received \$15.9 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

| County | Firefighter Grants to Since 2001 | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Columbia | \$1.3 million | |
| Dutchess | \$2.3 million | |
| Greene | \$1.1 million | |
| Orange | \$1.8 million | |
| Putnam | \$600,000 | |
| Rockland | \$500,000 | |
| Sullivan | \$1.7 million | |
| Ulster | \$2.8 million | |
| Westchester | \$3.8 million | |
| Hudson Valley | \$15.9 million | |

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| County | 2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal | 2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal | Difference |
|---------------------|---|--|-------------|
| Columbia | \$550,000 | \$160,000 | \$390,000 |
| Dutchess | \$960,000 | \$280,000 | \$680,000 |
| Greene | \$460,000 | \$140,000 | \$330,000 |
| Orange | \$770,000 | \$230,000 | \$550,000 |
| Putnam | \$250,000 | \$74,000 | \$180,000 |
| Rockland | \$210,000 | \$60,000 | \$140,000 |
| Sullivan | \$720,000 | \$210,000 | \$510,000 |
| Ulster | \$1,200,000 | \$350,000 | \$840,000 |
| Westchester | \$1,600,000 | \$470,000 | \$1,100,000 |
| Hudson Valley Total | \$6,700,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$4,800,000 |

North Country: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the North Country have received \$15.2 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

| County | Firefighter Grants to Since 2001 | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Clinton | \$1.2 million | |
| Essex | \$2 million | |
| Franklin | \$1.9 million | |
| Hamilton | \$300,000 | |
| Herkimer | \$1.5 million | |
| Jefferson | \$3.1 million | |
| Lewis | \$700,000 | |
| St. Lawrence | \$3.2 million | |
| Warren | \$1.2 million | |
| North Country | \$15.2 million | |

Senator Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program could mean \$6.5 million in additional aid for these departments, \$4.6 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

| County | 2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal | 2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal | Difference |
|---------------------|---|---|-------------|
| Clinton | \$530,000 | \$150,000 | \$370,000 |
| Essex | \$830,000 | \$240,000 | \$590,000 |
| Franklin | \$810,000 | \$240,000 | \$570,000 |
| Hamilton | \$140,000 | \$41,000 | \$98,000 |
| Herkimer | \$640,000 | \$190,000 | \$460,000 |
| Jefferson | \$1,300,000 | \$380,000 | \$930,000 |
| Lewis | \$340,000 | \$100,000 | \$240,000 |
| St. Lawrence | \$1,400,000 | \$400,000 | \$960,000 |
| Warren | \$500,000 | \$150,000 | \$350,000 |
| North Country Total | \$6,500,000 | \$1,900,000 | \$4,600,000 |

Southern Tier: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in the Southern Tier have received \$14.6 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

| County | Firefighter Grants to Since 2001 | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Allegany | \$3 million | |
| Broome | \$3.2 million | |
| Chemung | \$700,000 | |
| Chenango | \$1.3 million | |
| Delaware | \$1.3 million | |
| Otsego | \$1.7 million | |
| Steuben | \$2.3 million | |
| Tioga | \$1.1 million | |
| Southern Tier | \$14.6 million | |

Senator Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program could mean \$6.2 million in additional aid for these departments, \$4.4 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

| County | 2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal | 2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal | Difference |
|---------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Allegany | \$1,300,000 | \$370,000 | \$900,000 |
| Broome | \$1,300,000 | \$390,000 | \$940,000 |
| Chemung | \$290,000 | \$86,000 | \$210,000 |
| Chenango | \$560,000 | \$160,000 | \$400,000 |
| Delaware | \$560,000 | \$170,000 | \$400,000 |
| Otsego | \$730,000 | \$220,000 | \$520,000 |
| Steuben | \$960,000 | \$280,000 | \$680,000 |
| Tioga | \$480,000 | \$140,000 | \$340,000 |
| Southern Tier Total | \$6,200,000 | \$1,800,000 | \$4,400,000 |

Western New York: Under the Firefighters Grant Program, fire departments in Western New York have received \$21 million in funding for staffing, equipment and training since 2001.

| County | Firefighter Grants to Since 2001 | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Cattaraugus | \$2 million | |
| Chautauqua | \$3.4 million | |
| Erie | \$8.6 million | |
| Genesee | \$2.1 million | |
| Niagara | \$3 million | |
| Orleans | \$1.1 million | |
| Wyoming | \$800,000 | |
| Western New York | \$21 million | |

Senator Schumer's proposal to fully fund the Firefighters Grant Program could mean \$8.9 million in additional aid for these departments, \$6.3 million more than what is in the reduced budget proposed by the Administration.

| County | 2006 Projections Under Schumer Proposal | 2006 Projections Under Administration Proposal | Difference |
|------------------|---|--|-------------|
| Cattaraugus | \$830,000 | \$240,000 | \$590,000 |
| Chautauqua | \$1,400,000 | \$420,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Erie | \$3,600,000 | \$1,100,000 | \$2,600,000 |
| Genesee | \$910,000 | \$270,000 | \$640,000 |
| Niagara | \$1,300,000 | \$380,000 | \$910,000 |
| Orleans | \$460,000 | \$130,000 | \$320,000 |
| Wyoming | \$350,000 | \$100,000 | \$250,000 |
| Western New York | \$8,900,000 | \$2,600,000 | \$6,300,000 |

^{*}Source for grants since 2001:US Department of Homeland Security—Office of Domestic Preparedness.

http://www.firegrantsupport.com/winners.aspx

^{**}Source for projections under Schumer and Administration proposals: Projections for each county under Schumer's proposal and under the Administration's budget proposal are based on historical data on grants received since 2001. Actual awards may vary based on the needs of local fire departments. For a full list of individual recipients, visit: