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Local Communities Awarded Fire Education Grants

Boston, MA – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) is pleased to announce that the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has awarded grants to fund the Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program for Massachusetts towns and cities for the fiscal year 2016. Eighteen communities in Senator Gobi’s district received awards:

Department	S.A.F.E. Program	Senior S.A.F.E. Program
Ashburnham Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Athol Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Brimfield Fire Department	\$3,063	Did not apply
Brookfield Fire Department	\$3,063	\$2,295
Charlton Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Hubbardston Fire Department	\$3,063	\$2,295
Monson Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Palmer Fire Department	\$2,073	\$2,596
Paxton Fire Department	\$3,063	\$2,295
Phillipston Fire Department	\$3,063	\$2,295
Rutland Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Sturbridge Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Templeton Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Three Rivers Fire Department	\$1,555	\$2,596
Ware Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Warren Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
West Brookfield Fire Department	\$3,063	\$2,295
Winchendon Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596

"Our firefighters provide so many invaluable services and the SAFE grants enable them to educate children and provide another layer of safety to them and their families," said Sen. Anne Gobi.

S.A.F.E. is an example of the many successful and valuable programs that the Legislature and the Governor support on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth. According to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, this program, combined with other fire education and prevention initiatives, has led to a 70% decrease in child fire deaths, from an average of 18 per year to 5 per year.

The senior S.A.F.E. grant program was established after the success of the initial S.A.F.E. program. It offers funds to local communities in support of senior fire prevention training. Seniors are the most vulnerable of populations at risk of fire related deaths.

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