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BISHOP TO HOLD SECOND FIREFIGHTER GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

Brookhaven— Following up on a successful firefighter grant writing workshop last month, Congressman Tim Bishop will be hosting a second workshop on Thursday, March 13. Personnel from all the fire departments in New York's 1st Congressional District are invited to attend. The grant program is a competitive process for an estimated \$450-900 million in federal funds.

“ I would like to encourage all fire departments to send a representative, so that we can assist them in obtaining the funding they deserve,” Bishop said.

Bishop held the first workshop on February 18 at the Riverhead Fire Department, and despite snow the previous day, more than 25 firefighters from eight departments attended. Firefighters from Brookhaven who could not attend asked Bishop to set up a second workshop.

At the workshop, representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration will present information on the grant program and explain how to apply for funding. They will also offer general assistance in writing a competitive narrative for a grant application.

The workshop is scheduled for 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Brookhaven Fire Department, 2486 Montuak Highway in Brookhaven. There is no charge to attend the workshop.

Federal funding is available to fire departments for such purposes as health and safety programs, the purchase of new fire equipment, the enhancement of EMS programs, increasing the effectiveness of fire fighter operations and support of fire prevention and safety programs. Grant applications will begin to be considered on March 3, and the grant deadline is April 4.

Those interested in attending should pre-register by calling the Congressman's District Office in Coram at 631-696-6500. Additional information about the fire grant program may be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov> or by contacting FEMA/USFA at the toll free number (866) 274-0960.

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