

Fireman's Fund HeritageSM:

Island Park Volunteer Fire Department Talks About Their Department's Grant

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Stanley Morris (third from right) of Rampart Brokerage Corp. together with Bill Cossari (second from left) of Fireman's Fund present grant check to Chief Wells. Mayor James Ruzicka (second from right) along with Sr. Deputy Mayor Steven D'Esposito (far left) and Trustee Henry Hastava also take part in ceremony.

By Robert Wells, Island Park Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief

Funding challenges across the country have left many fire departments, like mine, with limited resources, so when informed that **Rampart Brokerage Corp.** would be awarding our fire department with a grant for **\$10,590**, I was thrilled.

Grant funds have gone to the purchase of an **air filling station**, a unit used to refill air packs of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA), which are the combination of the air pack and face mask worn on a firefighter's back. Until now, our department was using an outdated refilling station that couldn't quickly refill our air pack. When it comes to firefighting, every second counts and the new equipment greatly enhances our department's response times by promptly refilling our firefighters' air packs and getting them back to the fire scene at a quicker rate.

The grant was made through the Fireman's Fund HeritageSM program, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company's social mission to support firefighters for safer communities. Under the program, agents across the country who carry Fireman's Fund products, like Rampart Brokerage Corp., have the opportunity to direct grants to fire departments. Fire departments use these grants for needed equipment, firefighter training and community education.

On behalf of the **Island Park** residents and firefighters, I would like to thank Rampart Brokerage Corp. and Fireman's Fund for recognizing a critical need of our department and this community.



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