

Illinois American Water Distributes Grant to Warrenville Fire Protection District (Photo Included)

Woodridge, IL. (November 20, 2019) – The Warrenville Fire Protection District will be purchasing a new water supply hose for a front-line fire engine thanks to a grant from Illinois American Water.

The Illinois American Water Firefighter Grant Program provides financial assistance to fire and emergency organizations serving communities in its service areas. The program awards grants to provide personal protective gear, communications equipment, firefighting tools, water handling equipment, training materials and classroom programs. The grant winners were announced in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6 – 12, 2019, to raise awareness about the importance of fire prevention and emergency planning.

This year, over \$88,000 will be shared by 90 Illinois fire departments through the grant program. Since the program was created in 2010, over 590 grants totaling over \$582,000 have been awarded.

“We know the critical role water plays in protecting homes and businesses; we also know resources for our local heroes often run short. The Illinois American Water firefighter grant program was created to help bridge the gap and support our local firefighters,” said Bruce Hauk, Illinois American Water President.

Andrew Dina, Assistant Fire Chief, stated “The Warrenville Fire Protection District is pleased to accept Illinois American Water’s grant award for the purchase of one low profile ball intake valve to be placed on our newest front-line fire engine. The addition of this appliance to our new engine will allow us to deliver safe, efficient, and effective fire suppression services to our community. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of Illinois American Water’s generous support and recognition of our efforts to serve the Warrenville Fire Protection District citizens.”

Caption for the Photo: (Left to Right) Andrew Dina, Assistant Fire Chief; Natalee Cedillo, Municipal Advocate, Illinois American Water; Thomas Harrell, Illinois American Water; and Dennis Rogers, Fire Chief.

About Illinois American Water

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 7,100 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to more than 14 million people in 46 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to make sure we keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit www.amwater.com and follow American Water on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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