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## PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER AWARDS GRANTS TO EAST SHORE FIRE DEPARTMENTS

**HERSHEY, Pa. (March 7, 2017)** – Pennsylvania American Water announced today that four emergency service organizations in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties received grants through the company’s annual Firefighting Support Grant Program. The company launched the program in 2009 to help local fire departments and emergency services in purchasing safety gear, lifesaving equipment, training materials and essential firefighting apparatus.

“We’re proud to support the important work performed by emergency responders here in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties,” said Pennsylvania American Water Senior Manager of Operations Joseph Woodward. “At a time when funding and volunteers at many of our fire departments are limited, we are pleased to support and partner with public safety organizations who make our communities better places to live.”

This year, Pennsylvania American Water awarded approximately \$2,500 in grants to the following local fire departments:

- Union Hose Company of Annville
- Hershey Volunteer Fire Company
- Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company
- Citizens Fire Company #1 of Palmyra

Since launching the grant program in 2009, Pennsylvania American Water has contributed more than \$400,000 to help approximately 500 fire departments in its service areas across the Commonwealth.

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