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## **Senators Stabenow, Peters Announce Almost \$3 Million in Support for Two Southeast Michigan Fire Departments**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters today announced that two fire departments in Southeast Michigan will receive \$2,986,965 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program to hire 15 new full-time firefighters.

The Lincoln Park Fire Department will receive \$1,304,205 to hire six new firefighters. The City of Inkster Fire Department will receive \$1,682,760 to hire nine new firefighters.

"Our firefighters in Southeast Michigan put their lives on the line every day to protect our families, homes, and communities," **said Senator Stabenow**. "These resources will help make sure there is always someone there to answer the call in an emergency."

"Firefighters and first responders are on the frontlines protecting our communities when emergencies strike," **Senator Peters said**. "This funding will help ensure fire departments in Southeast Michigan have the trained staff they need to respond to emergencies."

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Senators Stabenow and Peters and their offices for their support for fire departments and grant programs like the SAFER," **said Steve Martin, Fire Chief of the Lincoln Park Fire Department**. "This grant will allow us to hire six additional firefighters, helping us to operate at a safer level and continue our mission to serve the citizens of Lincoln Park, assist our surrounding communities and protect our residents. We appreciate the support of Senator Stabenow, Senator Peters and other State and Local Officials, who help make it possible for the Lincoln Park Fire Department to protect the life and property of the citizens we serve."

Eligible fire departments in Michigan and across the country can apply for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants. These competitive grants provide money to guarantee departments are appropriately staffed with qualified professional and volunteer firefighters. More information about the grant can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants>.