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Rep. Kate Hogan Announces S.A.F.E. & Senior SAFE Grant Awards for Fiscal Year 2017

(BOSTON) – Representative Kate Hogan is pleased to announce that additional grants have been awarded to Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE for Fiscal Year 2017. Administered by the Department of Fire Services, the two programs provide resources to local fire departments to conduct fire and safety education for students and older adults, respectively.

“The annual S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE grants enable fire departments to partner with local schools, senior centers, and councils on aging to better equip children and seniors in the event of a fire, while also providing them with the tools and resources to prevent a fire from occurring in the first place,” said Representative Kate Hogan. “I’m proud that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts remains committed year after year to facilitating fire safety programming geared at protecting our most vulnerable residents.”

Established in 1995, the S.A.F.E. Program began as the Student Awareness of Fire Education Program – a grant program to local fire departments that puts firefighter-educators in classrooms to conduct fire safety education in grades K-12. Since that time, average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 70%.

In 2013 Rep. Kate Hogan sponsored the creation of the Senior SAFE program after multiple house fires killed seniors in her region. This initiative is aimed at educating seniors on fire prevention, general home safety, and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire. In addition, these funds provide important safety devices such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, nightlights, and house numbers, where needed, to protect the at-risk senior population.

	FY17 S.A.F.E. Grant	FY17 Senior Safe Grant
Hudson Fire Department	\$4,540	\$2,796
Maynard Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596
Stow Fire Department	\$3,951	\$2,596

“These programs continue to have a positive effect in building a ‘fire safe’ Massachusetts,” said Hudson Fire Chief John Blood. “Over the past year we have needed to bring on two more trained fire safety educators in order to keep up with the demand for the program. Not only have we been working with the young people of Hudson since the program was developed in 1995, now with the development of the Senior SAFE program four years ago we are now able to reach out to both our young and old in order to educate them in fire safety. Our community is extremely grateful for all the support from our Legislators over the past 21 years.”

"The S.A.F.E. grant allows our team to get into the classrooms each year and educate kids on the importance of fire safety," said Maynard Fire Chief Anthony Stowers. "With the addition of the Senior SAFE grants in recent years, we've been able to extend our fire safety education to seniors and reduce the risk of preventable fires occurring in these homes of these vulnerable residents."

"The Stow Fire Department would like to thank Rep. Hogan and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for your continued support of the S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE grant programs," said Stow Fire Chief Joseph Landry. "The funds received from these grants allow the Stow Fire Department to achieve its mission by educating our most vulnerable population in the dangers of fire as well as ways to prevent all life-threatening hazards."

The Legislature funds these programs through the Executive Office of the Public Safety and Security and they are administered by the Department of Fire Services. For more information, please go to www.mass.gov/dfs and type "SAFE" in the search box.

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