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## Rep. Kate Hogan Announces S.A.F.E. & Senior SAFE Grant Awards for Fiscal Year 2018

(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 2018. 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 awarding of S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE funds to our local fire departments is a powerful reminder of the awesome impact a state program can have on the safety and wellbeing of our residents,” said Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow). “These funds directly facilitate fire safety trainings for children and seniors in communities across the state, empowering these vulnerable populations to be able to prevent and respond to this type of danger.”

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 72%.

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.

	FY18 S.A.F.E. Grant	FY18 Senior SAFE Grant
Hudson Fire Department	\$4,308	\$2,615
Maynard Fire Department	\$3,708	\$2,415
Stow Fire Department	\$3,708	\$2,415

“Year after year, these programs continue to have a positive effect in building a ‘fire safe’ Massachusetts,” said Hudson Fire Chief John Blood. “Not only have we been working with the young people of Hudson since the program was developed in 1995, but with the development of the Senior SAFE program five years ago we are now able to reach out to both our young and old to educate them in fire safety. Our community is extremely grateful for all the support from our legislators over the past 23 years.”

“We are very excited about the continued financial support we receive for programs like S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE,” said Maynard Fire Chief Anthony Stowers. “In Maynard, we place a high value on educating our most vulnerable people and giving them the tools to keep safe. We have seen success in the SAFE program, and we were able to recognize a young man last year as a young hero through the State Fire Marshal’s Office.”

“The Stow Fire Department thanks the Legislature for its continued support for the S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE grant programs,” said Stow Fire Chief Joseph Landry. “Like many Massachusetts communities, Stow depends on this grant funding to reach our children and senior residents with lifesaving information. Research has proven that reducing the risk within a community saves taxpayer dollars as well as lives.”

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](http://www.mass.gov/dfs) and type “SAFE” in the search box.

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### **Representative Kate Hogan**

Representative Kate Hogan represents the Third Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Bolton, Hudson, Maynard, and Stow. She currently serves as the House Chair on the Joint Committee on Public Health. She also serves as Chair of the Library Legislative Caucus and Co-Chair of the Legislature’s Elder Caucus. Rep. Hogan can be reached by phone at 617-722-2130 or by email at [Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov). You can also connect with Rep. Hogan on Facebook ([facebook.com/kate.hogan.948](https://facebook.com/kate.hogan.948)) or Twitter (@[repkatehogan](https://twitter.com/repkatehogan)).



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