The Newark Fire Department is thrilled to announce the award of the NYS 2021 AFG grant in the amount of \$49,000 to furnish our firefighters with 14 sets of protective turn out gear and 2 self-contained breathing apparatuses. In an era when so many volunteer agencies struggle to recruit and retain volunteers, the Newark Fire Department is proud to be an organization which is growing. When 911 is activated, the community is helped by the willing members who train, miss meals and sleep, and face dangerous elements with bravery and skill. New, individually fitted equipment for our fire fighters is paramount for their altruism and to develop a deeper sense of unity and belonging in our organization.

Mayor Jonathan Taylor stated, "The men and women of our Volunteer Fire Department dedicate their time, talent, and resources to ensure public safety in our community. They are leaders in their field. We are thankful for the opportunities this grant award allows us and look forward to enhancing our department with the new turn out gear and breathing apparatuses."

Fire Commissioner Christopher Burgess commented, "Congratulations to our volunteer fire department, who are continuously looking to improve their services for our community. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers."

