

Fireman's Fund HeritageSM:

East Norwich Fire Company Talks About Their Grant from The B&G Group

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Evan Bower (second from left) from The B&G Group together with Glenn Skrynecki (third from right) from Fireman's Fund present check to Chief Shoemaker. Richard Bower (far left) from The B&G Group along with Julianne Beckerman (second from right), Mayor for the Village of Muttontown, and Beth Faughnan, Town of Oyster Bay Councilwoman, also participate in the ceremony.

By John Shoemaker, East Norwich Fire Company Fire Chief

Our fire company, like many companies across the country, have essential equipment needs. Unfortunately, some of these needs aren't covered in the yearly budget, so when informed that The B&G Group would be awarding our department a grant for \$18,955, I was thrilled.

The grant has purchased a **fire extinguisher training simulator** to better prepare the company's firefighters, the general public, and the civilian workforce to combat incipient fires while awaiting emergency response. In addition, funds purchased **18 sets of personal protection Emergency Medical Service (EMS) gear**.

The protective clothing, including jacket and pants, are specifically designed to protect first responders from contact with blood and bodily fluid-borne pathogens when responding to an emergency medical call or accident.

The grant was made through the Fireman's Fund HeritageSM program, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company's social mission to support firefighters for safer communities. Under the program, agents across the country who carry Fireman's Fund[®] products, like The B&G Group, have the opportunity to direct grants to their local fire departments. Fire departments use these grants for needed equipment, firefighter training and community education programs.

On behalf of the firefighters of our company and the residents of our community, I want to thank The B&G Group and Fireman's Fund for making our community a safer place to live and work.

