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\$1M Grant to Help Train Firefighters

By Jake Ryle

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (WDTN) — A new \$1 million grant will be helping firefighters move out of the classroom, and into real world situations.

The \$1 million check was presented today at the Clark State Community College tactical training facility. State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers says the training will keep communities safe.

“It’s going to make firefighters safer. There’s no doubt about that. It’s going to reduce injuries for firefighters,” Flowers explained.

Before the grant, \$500,000 was allocated toward Level 1 certifications across the state. The grant now exceeds \$1.5 million for the year.

“The whole goal is to make that training accessible, close to home, affordable. We’re paying for it with this grant,” Flowers said.

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Ohio Gives \$1M to Train Local Firefighters

By Allison Wichie

Part of a \$1 million state grant will train nearly 100 local firefighters at the Clark State Community College Fire Safety Training Academy.

The money from the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation to the State Fire Marshal’s Office will support the training of 1,000 firefighters across the state.

“This money will be used for departments that otherwise couldn’t afford to put their firefighters through that safety training,” said Capt. Jeremy Linn, a lead fire safety instructor at Clark State and also a member of the Springfield Fire/Rescue Division.

About 70 percent of Ohio’s fire departments are staffed by volunteers. Many small departments operate on limited training budgets, said Chief Michael Willis of the Pleasant Twp. Fire Department, and don’t have enough money to train some volunteers who want to help their departments.

“When you get those people, you don’t want to turn them away just for the simple fact that you don’t have the budget to send them through the class,” he said.

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\$1 Million Going to Train Local Firefighters

By WHIO

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