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THE BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK RECEIVES A GRANT AWARD TOTALING NEARLY \$12,000 TO BOLSTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

(PROSPECT PARK, NJ) – Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah, the Municipal Council and the Volunteer Fire Department (PPFD) of the Borough of Prospect Park is pleased to announce, the Borough of Prospect Park Fire Department has received a yet another grant award in the dollar amount of **\$11,263.00** to supply the department with 15 Personal Life Safety Rope Systems (PSS) as well as the necessary training in compliance with NFPA standards for 15 PPFD members. The grant funds courtesy of **The Lieutenant Joseph P. DiBernardo of FDNY Foundation, Inc.** reviewed a competitive pool of 32 grant applications nationwide for 2020 and the Prospect Park Fire Department was selected as one of the few recipients.

“We would like to express our sincerest gratitude and honor to The Lt. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation as well as Firehooks Unlimited and the Leary Firefighters Foundation for selecting and supporting the Borough of Prospect Park and our volunteer department with this grant award,” said Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah whose career in public service started with the volunteer fire department. “Our Administration will continue to find opportunities to ensure all departments such as our volunteer fire department is well equipped with the best resources, proper ongoing training, and equipment in order to maintain a safer and stronger community for all without burdening costs on our taxpayers,” added Mayor Khairullah.

“As the Fire Safety Director of the Borough of Prospect Park, I’m humbled by the generous grant awarded to our department by The Lieutenant Joseph P. DiBernardo Foundation, Inc.,” said Director Daniel Cabrera. “The grant of nearly \$12,000.00 will allow our department to have much needed safety systems for our firefighters. In addition, this grant will ease the burden of the city’s taxpayers. Firefighters go where they’re needed, sometimes ignoring the dangers even when no one is inside a burning building to be saved. Thank you for this most generous award to our city and it is volunteer fire department. We are Prospect Park Strong,” added Director Cabrera.

“It is our pleasure to provide a grant to the Prospect Park Volunteer Fire Department,” said Deputy Chief Joe DiBernardo of FDNY. “We are committed to providing personal safety systems and training to fire departments in need. We achieve this by awarding grants for personal safety bailout systems for firefighters, and offering seminars taught by world class instructors. We hope there’s a day where every firefighter has a way out. And no family, department or community suffers the devastating impact of another *Black Sunday*,” added Deputy Chief DiBernardo.

The Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation (Joey D Foundation), 501(c)3 organization works to fulfill our mission of keeping firefighters safe by providing the equipment and training they need to survive. Too often firefighters become trapped unexpectedly due to collapse, flashover, backdraft or more and need to get out FAST. Sometimes the only way out is a window. Our organization knows this all too well – founded by people directly impacted by the FDNY “Black Sunday” where 3 firefighters lost their lives and 3 suffered life-changing injuries – all because they had no way out but a 5th story window. For more information, visit

<https://www.joeydfoundation.org/>.
