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National Park Service Provides Funding for Rural Fire Assistance

Brecksville, Ohio - The National Park Service recently provided funding for Rural Fire Assistance (RFA) to Valley Fire District in Peninsula. Valley Fire District received a grant for \$8,484 to outfit 14 firefighters with wildland fire personal protective equipment. This included Nomex coats & pants, leather boots, and helmets & goggles.

The RFA program is primarily designed to increase firefighter safety and enhance the fire protection capabilities of rural fire departments. This is achieved by assisting those departments in meeting or exceeding accepted standards of wildland fire qualifications, training, and performance. Emphasis is placed on departments that protect rural communities and play a substantial cooperative role in the protection of federal lands such as Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The award of this grant will help protect Valley Fire District firefighters, residents, and visitors to Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Superintendent John P. Debo, Jr. states, “This program offers Cuyahoga Valley National Park an excellent opportunity to continue our cooperative working relationship with Valley Fire District by providing them with much needed protective clothing and related personal protective equipment. It is a good example of how the National Park Service recognizes the important role that Valley Fire District plays in the protection of our public lands.”

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. Visitors can hike, bike, birdwatch, golf, fish, ski, ride Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, explore the history of the Ohio & Erie Canal on a 20-mile section of the Towpath Trail, and attend national park ranger-guided programs, concerts, art exhibits and more. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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