

First Responders Support Congressman Rothman's Bipartisan Bill to Fund Emergency Communications Equipment

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Teaneck, NJ — On September 26, 2011, more than 30 local officials, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Ambulance Corps, EMTs, and other First Responders joined Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) at the Teaneck Police Department for a press conference announcing the introduction of the Help Emergency Responders Operate Emergency Systems (HEROES) Act.

Congressman Rothman and House Homeland Security Chairman Peter King (R-NY) introduced this bill to create a \$400 million grant program for local municipalities to fund emergency communications equipment.

“Without federal funding, many of these local First Responders will be left with radio and communications equipment that will be unable to operate during emergencies or local property taxpayers will have to pay several hundred thousand dollars per municipality to meet this unfunded federal mandate,” said Congressman Rothman.

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