

Local fire depts awarded state grants

**(KNZA)--Several local volunteer fire departments are among 70 departments across the Kansas that have been awarded grants from the State Fire Marshal's Office.**

**The grants are through the Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant Program.**

**Locally, the Centralia Fire Department was awarded the largest grant in the amount of nearly \$11,000.**

**Jefferson County Fire District #5 was awarded a \$9,000 grant; Potawatomie County Fire District #5, nearly \$6,600; Netawaka Fire District #6, just over \$4,000; Jefferson County Fire District #3, just over \$3,900 and Nemaha County Rural Fire District #2, nearly \$3,900.**

**The Marysville Fire Department, Jackson County Rural Fire District #1 in Mayetta, McLouth Fire Department and Fire District #1 in Leavenworth County will each receive \$3,500 grants.**

**In addition, Marshall County Rural Fire District #7 will receive a \$2,500 grant.**

**According to a press release from the state Fire Marshal's Office, the grant awards will be used for the purchase of safety gear, washer/extractor machines for cleaning bunker gear, start-up of Junior Firefighter programs and physical costs for firefighters with no insurance or ability to be reimbursed by their department.**

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