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**Perriello Announces Over \$1.4 Million in Recovery Act
Funds for Fluvanna County Fire Department**
*Construction of New Fire Station Will Employ 100 People,
Benefit Numerous Area Businesses*

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Tom Perriello announced that \$1,415,540 will be awarded to the Fork Union Company of the Fluvanna County Volunteer Fire Department for construction of a new fire station with state-of-the-art equipment. The federal funds come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or stimulus bill, which Perriello supported. Construction of the new fire station is expected to keep 100 people employed in the community and benefit numerous businesses supplying materials.

Rep. Perriello said: “These Recovery Act funds will strengthen the fire department’s preparedness and improve emergency response in Fluvanna County, in addition to boosting the local economy and keeping 100 people employed. I’m very pleased the stimulus is having such a tangible effect and investing in those who sacrifice for our communities. The new fire station will have a major impact on the lives of Fluvanna County residents every day.”

Fluvanna Board Of Supervisors Chairman Marvin Moss said: “This stimulus grant is a result of superb planning on the part of the county staff, our firefighters and others. We very carefully crafted the grant request for the Fork Union station which best met the grant's requirements. In an extraordinarily competitive environment, that planning prevailed. We are very grateful to Congressman Tom Perriello for his strong support of our application.”

Mike Brent, Fire Chief of the Fluvanna County Volunteer Fire Department, said: “We are extremely pleased to receive the grant. The new location will allow firefighters to stay overnight in the station when the need arises and reduce travel time to calls in our primary and secondary coverage areas.”

The current Fork Union station is located on a flood plain, making it unsuitable for use during natural disasters. The Recovery Act funds will be used to build a new fire station in a much more effective location. Additionally, the new building will include state-of-the-art equipment to remove vehicle exhaust from the building, making it a safer and healthier environment for the volunteer firefighters. The new building will be LEED-certified, using geothermal methods for heating and air conditioning.

The Fire Station Construction Grant Program (SCG) is awarding \$166 million for fire departments nationwide to build new or modify existing fire stations to enhance response capabilities and protect communities from fire-related hazards.

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