



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Ritchie Delivers \$64,000 in Funding to Improve Public Safety in St. Lawrence County

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In an effort to improve public safety in the North Country, State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing she has secured \$64,000 in special funding that will help support the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department and numerous county fire departments.

Funds secured by Senator Ritchie will help the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department with crime control and prevention programs. In addition, they will also help nearly 20 different fire departments make upgrades to their facilities and purchase equipment that

will allow them to respond to emergencies.

“Our region’s fearless first responders have the very difficult—and dangerous—job of protecting the public from harm,” said Senator Patty Ritchie. “They risk so much to keep us safe and that’s why it’s imperative that we are there to support them. I am pleased to provide this funding, which will help our responders not only be more prepared when going into harm’s way, but be better protected.”

“Given the size of the county, it’s crucial that our deputies have the necessary resources to effectively respond to calls, which can make a difference when it comes to saving lives,” said St. Lawrence County Sheriff Kevin Wells. “On behalf of the entire St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department, I want to thank Senator Ritchie for providing this funding, which will assist our deputies in their daily efforts to protect public safety.”

*Funding secured by Senator Ritchie is awarded to the following organizations:*

St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office - \$30,000

Rensselaer Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. - \$2,000

Morristown Fire Company - \$2,000

Brier Hill Fire Company, Inc. - \$2,000

Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - \$2,000

Lisbon Volunteer Fire Corporation - \$2,000

Morley Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - \$2,000

Edwards Fire Department, Inc. - \$2,000

Hermon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - \$2,000

Town of Fowler Fire Department - \$2,000

DeKalb Junction Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - \$2,000

Richville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - \$2,000

Waddington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - \$2,000

Madrid Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - \$2,000

Gouverneur Fire Company, Inc. - \$2,000

Town of Canton Fire Department - \$2,000

Pyrites Fire Corporation - \$2,000

Hammond Fire and Rescue, Inc. - \$2,000

This funding secured by Senator Ritchie builds on her recent efforts to improve public safety in the North Country. Recently, Senator Ritchie delivered \$18,000 in special funding for the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to assist the department in offsetting the costs associated with the purchase of a six-wheeler. The vehicle will allow the Department to respond to fire and other emergency calls in fields and wooded areas that are not easily accessible by a traditional fire engine.