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Press Release *For Immediate Release*

The Rome Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce that the **Town of Rome** has received a Safety Enhancement Grant awarded by the Maine Municipal Association for **\$2,000**.

The Board applied for the grant on behalf of Rome Fire to help fund the additional purchase of fire turnout gear. The grant will allow for the purchase of an additional set of gear.

The Safety Enhancement Grant and Scholarship Grant programs offer financial incentives to members of the Maine Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Fund. These grants are used to purchase safety equipment or services that assist in reducing the frequency and severity of workplace injuries. Improving workplace safety for municipal employees saves taxpayers money by reducing lost hours at work, cost of insurance claims and overtime expenses for employees who might have to fill in for injured co-workers.

The Maine Municipal Association has been awarding safety grants to Members of their Workers' Compensation fund since 1999. The Grant program has assisted municipalities by bestowing more than ***\$3.8 million*** through funding of ***3,070*** Safety Enhancement Grants and ***424*** Scholarship Grants.

Loss Control Department for Maine Municipal Association, advises the program received ***179*** applications for this grant period and ***\$153,019*** was awarded. Grants are awarded in May and October each year.

For more information about any of the Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Service programs, including Safety Enhancement Grants eligibility and applications, please visit their website at **www.memun.org** and click on the Risk Management Services link, or call at 1-800-590-5583.