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## **DHSES Announces \$1M in Technical Rescue and Urban Search-and-Rescue Awards**

*Funding grants will improve State's capability to respond to disasters and other events*

Jerome M. Hauer, Commissioner of the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), today announced awards totaling \$1M in federal Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds to increase Technical Rescue and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team capabilities throughout the state.

“Technical Rescue and USAR teams provide critical response to the State’s citizens,” said Commissioner Hauer. “Given the types of disasters that have affected New York State over the last few years, these grants will provide significant assistance to local and regional response capabilities that respond to these types of incidents.”

The competitive funding program, made available through the 2012 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), assists jurisdictions in increasing Technical Rescue and USAR capabilities by expanding coverage and providing more efficient and sustainable response forces. The grants are intended to address local and regional capabilities to assess, manage and mitigate technical rescue events involving structural collapse, trench, confined space, waterway/flood, and/or rope rescue.

Awards were made to the following applicants:

- Monroe County: \$133,486.00
- NYC FDNY: \$150,000.00
- City of Ithaca: \$141,108.00
- Arlington Fire District: \$149,999.00
- City of Watertown: \$138,831.14
- Westchester County: \$75,555.10
- City of Poughkeepsie: \$149,996.00
- East Greenbush Fire District 1: \$61,024.86

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