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MONTHLY REPORT SELECTMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT MARCH 2013

The Ayer Fire Department has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security; Assistance to Firefighters program in the amount of \$188,432 for the purchase of 26 SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). The Town has a matching share of 5% or \$9,421. This grant program is a nationwide program and very competitive. I would like to thank the personnel that worked as a team on this grant proposal. Captain Paul Fillebrown, Firefighter Paramedic John Bresnahan, Department Assistant Lisa White and I put many hours into the grant proposal. We will be replacing ten year old technology with the purchase of this new equipment. The new equipment has a locater built into the system to aid in finding a down firefighter. This tracking equipment is cutting edge technology, using a hand held locator to find where a trapped firefighter may be in a collapse or after becoming disorientated in a fire. With the acceptance of this grant award I will be taking \$200,000 off of my capitol request for FY-15.

Fire incidents March--33 Ambulance calls March--113

Permit Fees March -- \$875.00 Ambulance Revenue March -- \$33,784.03

Respectively submitted;

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