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Lodi, CA – Firefighters gathered today in Lodi for a fire grants workshop hosted by Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11). At Congressman McNerney's request, a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) attended the event to train local firefighters how to apply for federal grants for safety gear, equipment, fire prevention devices and other important investments.

"The firefighters who protect our families deserve the best in equipment and safety gear," said Rep. McNerney. "I hosted this event so that our local firefighters know what resources are available to them. Our entire community will be safer when our firefighters have the tools they need."

"I'm glad for the opportunity to have this workshop here in Lodi," said Fire Chief Kevin Donnelly. "Access to funds for equipment and safety gear is essential to our day-to-day operations. Thanks to today's event, we have more information on how to apply for these funds."