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Illinois American Water Distributes Grant to Oswego Fire Protection District (Photo Included)

Woodridge, IL. (November 30, 2016) – The Oswego Fire Protection District will be able to improve on the exceptional level of care and emergency response thanks to a grant from Illinois American Water (IAW). The IAW 2016 Firefighter Grant Program provides financial assistance to fire and emergency organizations serving communities in its service areas. This year, approximately \$48,000 will be awarded to 70 fire departments. To date, the program has resulted in over 350 grants totaling over \$342,000 awarded across the state.

“Our teams partner closely with fire departments, testing and operating every fire hydrant across the state and working hard to ensure reliable water service for fire protection, but we wanted to do more,” said Bruce Hauk, president of Illinois American Water. “This program enables us to further support our local heroes in the communities we serve.”

Grants of up to \$700 are awarded to cover the costs associated with the following:

- Personal protective gear
- Communications equipment
- Firefighting tools
- Water handling equipment
- Training and related activities/materials used to support community fire protection
- Reimbursement for specific fire training classes, including training manuals and workbooks

Oswego Fire Chief Michael Veseling thanked Illinois American Water during the check presentation stating: “The generosity of Illinois American Water allows us to expand and improve on the exceptional level of care and emergency response we deliver to our citizens, visitors, and businesses.”

Caption for the Photo: (Left to Right) John Cornish, Oswego Fire Assistant Chief, Tom Harrell, Illinois American Water, Michael Veseling, Oswego Fire Chief

About Illinois American Water – Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 1.2 million people. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

Illinois American Water ranked “Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Water Utilities in the Midwest” according to J.D. Power’s 2016 Water Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction StudySM.

American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. Marking its 130th anniversary this year, the company employs 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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