WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel) on Friday will join members of the Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association, the Monterey Fire Department and the Salinas Rural Fire District to celebrate the receipt of two federal grants totaling nearly $1.5 million. The funds have been used for 700 portable radios and 230 mobile radios.

The grants (totaling $1,476,600) are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Central Coast funds are being used to improve the ability of emergency responders to communicate with personnel from different agencies.

"Enhancing the communications interoperability of our first responders is an important part of keeping our communities safe," said Rep. Farr. "I'm proud of all the work our emergency personnel do, and I will continue to work in Washington to support their mission."

**WHEN: Friday, September 14**
**Noon - 1 p.m.**

**WHERE: San Carlos Park**
**Cannery Row, Monterey**

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