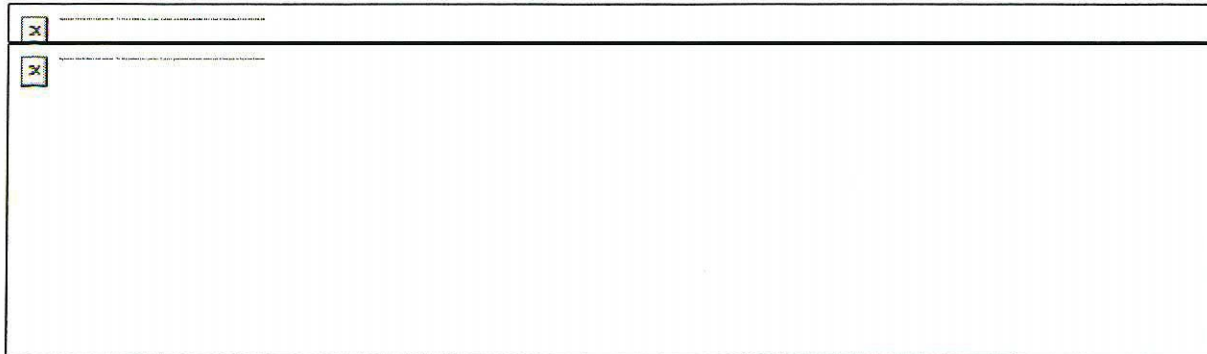


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Rep. Frelinghuysen Honors Veterans on Memorial Day

This week, Rep. Frelinghuysen participated in several Memorial Day services throughout New Jersey's 11th District. He was in Morris County for the annual Memorial Day observance today.

Rep. Frelinghuysen spoke of the sacrifices of fallen service men and women, while remembering those currently serving our nation.

 "Across conflict and war; across generations; these men and women are tied together by a common bond of patriotism, courage, and sacrifice," said Frelinghuysen. "They're eternally linked by a call to duty and a willingness to give everything to protect their friends, their family, their communities, and their country. These good men and women stood up to tyranny and we honor them today."

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Presents Grant to Law Enforcement

In Morristown, Rep. Frelinghuysen presented the New Jersey Sheriffs Association with a federal grant for \$75,125 for state law enforcement accreditation. New Jersey will be the first state to fully accredit all of its law enforcement agencies. Accreditation provides independent assurance that a law enforcement agency meets professional standards.

"Everyday New Jersey law enforcement is on the frontline serving our citizens and protecting the homeland," said Rep. Frelinghuysen. "This program assures New Jersey residents that those serving them meet the highest standards."

The event was attended by Morris County Sheriff and President of the New Jersey Sheriffs Association Edward Rochford; Hudson County Sheriff Juan Perez; and Sussex County Sheriff Robert Untig.

Funding for the grant was provided by the United States Department of Justice. The grant was made possible through the efforts of Rep. Frelinghuysen, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Robert Menendez, and Rep. Steve Rothman.

Brings Armored Vehicle to Morris County

On Tuesday, Rep. Frelinghuysen participated in the unveiling of Morris County's Armored Rescue Vehicle. The vehicle will allow law enforcement to safely enter situations, which they would otherwise have to avoid.

"I am focused every day on ensuring that New Jersey law enforcement, homeland security, and our first responders are provided with the equipment they need to keep us safe," said Frelinghuysen. "This vehicle will provide the County's Office of Emergency Management and first responders with the tools they need to carry out their mission, no matter the circumstances."

Rep. Frelinghuysen obtained funding for the vehicle through an Urban Area Security Initiative grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Announces "Bookshelf Award" for Montville School

Rep. Frelinghuysen visited Robert Lazar Middle School in Montville, New Jersey today to present a "Bookshelf Award" from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The award consists of 15 classic books based on the theme "Created Equal" and was presented to Suzanne Metz, the school's librarian.

"Robert Lazar Middle School does an exceptional job educating and preparing its students," said Rep. Frelinghuysen. "This grant will provide the students with the opportunity to learn from these classic books, which stress the importance of equality in society."

This is the second time in the last four years that the school has been presented with the award. The "Bookshelf Award" is part of the NEH's "We the People" initiative, which supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

UPDATE: Over 100 Days without the Protect America Act

It has now been over 100 days since Protect America Act expired. The House majority has stalled, refusing to consider the Senate passed legislation. Because of this, our intelligence agencies are operating without the tools they need to protect our national security.


"The House should immediately take up the Senate-passed Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) bill," said Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. "This bipartisan legislation passed the Senate with 68 votes, and it would pass the House with an overwhelming majority if the leadership gave it the up-or-down vote it deserves."

A bipartisan group of 25 State Attorneys General wrote a letter to House leaders urging passage of the bipartisan Senate bill: "Passing S. 2248 would ensure our intelligence experts are once again able to conduct real-time surveillance. ... As Attorneys General, we are our states' chief law enforcement officials and therefore responsible for taking whatever action is necessary to keep our citizens safe. With S. 2248 still pending in the House of Representatives, our national security is in jeopardy. We therefore urge the House of Representatives to schedule a vote and pass the FISA Amendments Act of 2007."



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