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ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE NEARLY \$450,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today awarded \$444,233 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the state of Alabama.

"Local communities deserve to know they are served by well-trained local emergency responders using the best possible emergency equipment," said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May.

Nationally, this week's grants total nearly\$16 million. The AFG program includes three kinds of awards: Fire Grants, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants and Fire Prevention and Safety grants (FP&S). Today's grants to Alabama organizations are:

Fire Grants (funding firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations, and supporting regional projects involving multiple organizations serving more than one local jurisdiction)

Collinsville VFD	Operations and Safety	Collinsville	\$70,766
Bethel East VFD	Operations and Safety	Woodland	\$26,125
Egypt VFD	Operations and Safety	Altoona	\$9,500
Fowlers Crossroads VFD	Operations and Safety	Bankston	\$31,322
City of Cordova VFD	Operations and Safety	Cordova	\$10,509
Jones Chapel VFD	Operations and Safety	Cullman	\$45,391
Pebble FD	Operations and Safety	Haleyville	\$68,115
Hay Valley VFD	Operations and Safety	Parrish	\$100,102
Pelham FD	Operations and Safety	Pelham	\$82,403

The fiscal year (FY) 2008 AFG awards, which are being distributed in phases, will ultimately provide about \$500 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

The full list of this week's recipients and other information, including program Fact Sheets, can be found on the AFG website (<u>www.firegrantsupport.com</u>).

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