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FEMA AWARDS NEARLY \$10,000 TO ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded \$8,360 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program to a local fire department in the state of Alabama. Nationally, the fiscal year (FY) 2008 AFG awards will provide approximately \$500 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

“Every dollar we invest in our first responders is money well spent,” said U.S. Fire Administration’s Deputy Administrator Glenn A. Gaines. “The Assistance to Firefighter Grants provides first responders with critically needed equipment, training, and other resources to ensure they are fully prepared to protect their communities and to do so safely and effectively.”

This week’s round of the national Assistance to Firefighters Grants amount to \$13,074,036 and includes a grant provided to the following fire department in Alabama from the:

FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program

Falkville VFD	Falkville	Operations and Safety	\$8,360
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The Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program is an important component of the Administration’s larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the Nation’s overall level of preparedness. The AFG is designed to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

The Department of Homeland Security’s Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and mitigate high incidences of death and injury. Examples of the types of projects supported by FP&S include fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile firesetter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs.

The Department of Homeland Security’s Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments’ abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards.

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These grant programs are administered cooperatively by two FEMA components: the Grant Programs Directorate and the United States Fire Administration. The full list of past and current recipients and other Assistance to Firefighter Grant program information is posted on the AFG website at (www.firegrantsupport.com).

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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