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FEMA AWARDS NEARLY \$1 MILLION TO ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded \$960,426 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program to local fire departments and emergency responders in the state of Alabama.

“When it’s your home that catches fire, you become the first responder,” said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May. “That’s why one of the focuses of the AFG grant program is to educate the public on both fire prevention and safety. When our citizens know what do in a fire, they reduce the danger to themselves and to firefighters.”

This week’s round of the national Assistance to Firefighters Grants include grants provided to the following first responders in from the Alabama:

FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program

Barnwell Volunteer Fire/Rescue Dept. Inc.	Fairhope	Operations and Safety	\$28,619
Plantersville VFD	Plantersville	Operations and Safety	\$57,466
Auslin Chapel VFD	Wedowee	Operations and Safety	\$23,750
Hi-Pine VFD	Ashland	Operations and Safety	\$66,462
Lanier VFD	Alpine	Operations and Safety	\$40,280
Morrison Crossroads VFD	Newell	Operations and Safety	\$26,553
Mt. Olive Sunderland VFD	Ft. Mitchell	Operations and Safety	\$8,550
Quad Cities VFD	ANNISTON	Operations and Safety	\$18,145
Adamsburg VFD	Fort Payne	Operations and Safety	\$75,193
Albertville FD	Albertville	Operations and Safety	\$126,766
Cartersville VFD	FLAT ROCK	Operations and Safety	\$33,687
Falkville VFD	Falkville	Operations and Safety	\$37,924
Yerkwood VFD	Quinton	Operations and Safety	\$19,437
Fultondale Fire & Rescue	Fultondale	Operations and Safety	\$47,530
Isabella Fire & Rescue Dept.	Maplesville	Operations and Safety	\$13,300
Mayfield VFD	Fayette	Operations and Safety	\$46,522
Union Grove VFD	Jemison	Vehicle Acquisition	\$261,250
Scott Mountain VFD	Butler	Operations and Safety	\$19,000

FY 2008 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Program

Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service	Tuscaloosa	Fire Prevention	\$9,992
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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.

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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