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ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION IN FUNDING THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today awarded \$1,536,078 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the state of Alabama.

“Experience tells us that well-trained and well-equipped fire departments build strong and safe communities,” said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May.

Nationally, this week’s grants total more than \$27 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 (FP&S) grants. 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)

Skinnerton VFD	Evergreen	Vehicle Acquisition	\$202,089
Pittsview VFD, Inc.	Pittsview	Operations and Safety	\$44,650
Sprott VFD	Sprott	Operations and Safety	\$10,175

SAFER awards (funding fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations directly to help them increase the number of trained, “front-line” firefighters available in their communities)

Daphne FD	Daphne	Hiring	\$967,082
Fairview VFD	Cullman	Recruitment	\$25,120
Center Point FD	Birmingham	Hiring	\$286,962

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 (www.firegrantsupport.com).

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