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FEMA AWARDS NEARLY \$1.4 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 \$1,350,602 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program to local fire departments and emergency responders in the state of Alabama.

“The right training and equipment, when matched with the courage of our first responders, will make communities safer,” said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May. “These AFG funds will help give the firefighters and emergency medical service personnel who serve our nation the tools necessary to do their jobs safely and effectively.”

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

FY 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program

Hollis Fire & Rescue	Heflin	Vehicle Acquisition	\$190,000
Ashridge VFD	Haleyville	Vehicle Acquisition	\$190,000
Saragossa VFD	Nauvoo	Vehicle Acquisition	\$261,250
New Bethel VFD	Tuscumbia	Vehicle Acquisition	\$204,250
Danville VFD	Danville	Operations and Safety	\$113,145
North Courtland VFD	North Courtland	Operations and Safety	\$7,885
Section FD	Section	Operations and Safety	\$99,038
LaGrange VFD	Leighton	Operations and Safety	\$9,778
Enterprise Volunteer Fire & Rescue	Verbena	Operations and Safety	\$56,067
Scott Mountain VFD	Butler	Vehicle Acquisition	\$219,189

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.

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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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