



FEMA

# Press Release

April 16, 2010  
RIV-10-084  
Media Contact: 770-220-5226

## FEMA AWARDS NEARLY \$1.5 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 \$1,495,740 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program to local fire departments and emergency responders in the state of Alabama.

“Responding to all emergencies requires the best equipment, training and management of resources are available to this nation’s firefighters,” said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May. “FEMA is proud to help these first responders by offsetting the costs of new equipment, vehicles and training.”

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

### FY 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program

Scottsboro FD	Scottsboro	Operations and Safety	\$22,925
Townley VFD	Townley	Operations and Safety	\$47,310
Ray VFD	Alexander City	Vehicle Acquisition	\$99,513
Minor Heights Fire District	Birmingham	Operations and Safety	\$24,111
Paul VFD	Andalusia	Vehicle Acquisition	\$212,539
Brantley Fire & Rescue	Brantley	Operations and Safety	\$18,801
Vestavia Hills FD	Vestavia Hills	Operations and Safety	\$169,763
Shinbone Valley VFD	Delta	Operations and Safety	\$47,975
Somerville Area Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc.	Somerville	Operations and Safety	\$51,956
Sumiton Fire & Rescue Service	Sumiton	Operations and Safety	\$77,347
Dale County Rescue & Recovery	Newton	Operations and Safety	\$65,360
Mt. High VFD & Rescue Squad, Inc.	Warrior	Operations and Safety	\$64,996
Rocky Ridge Fire District	Birmingham	Operations and Safety	\$17,519
Wolf Creek VFD	Pell City	Operations and Safety	\$41,186
Whitfield VFD	York	Operations and Safety	\$28,432
Fayette FD	Fayette	Operations and Safety	\$29,701
East Limestone FD	Athens	Operations and Safety	\$123,818
Mobile Fire-Rescue Dept.	Mobile	Operations and Safety	\$352,488

(MORE)

## **FEMA AWARDS NEARLY \$1.5 MILLION TO ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS...Page 2**

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.

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](http://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.*

###