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ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE NEARLY \$4.6 MILLION IN FUNDING THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded \$4,581,944 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the state of Alabama.

“Since 2001, the fire departments of this nation have been using these much needed funds to better serve their communities,” said Dr. Denis Onieal, Acting Assistant Administrator of the U. S. Fire Administration. “Today’s firefighters face numerous challenges as they work to prevent and respond to fires in their communities. These AFG funds have a direct impact on the safety of both residents and firefighters throughout the nation.”

Nationally, this week’s grants total more than \$56 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 grants (FP&S). The grants, which were awarded Friday, are to the following Alabama organizations:

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)

Wedowee VFD	Operations and Safety	Wedowee	\$	42,750
Kellyton Vol. Fire & Rescue	Operations and Safety	Kellyton	\$	22,895
Hanover VFD	Operations and Safety	Rockford	\$	26,125
Winterboro Vol. Fire & Rescue, Inc.	Operations and Safety	Talladega	\$	69,303
Graysville Fire & Rescue	Operations and Safety	Graysville	\$	10,186
Harpersville FD	Operations and Safety	HARPERSVILLE	\$	96,900
Birmingham Fire & Rescue Service	Operations and Safety	Birmingham	\$	994,074
Stewart-Havana VFD	Operations and Safety	Moundville	\$	73,388
Baker Hill VFD	Operations and Safety	Eufaula	\$	62,015
Louisville Fire & Rescue	Operations and Safety	Louisville	\$	65,392
Beauregard VFD, Inc.	Operations and Safety	Opelika	\$	113,608
Newville VFD	Operations and Safety	Newville	\$	74,835
Bobo VFD	Operations and Safety	Ardmore	\$	47,352
Central Area VFD	Operations and Safety	Florence	\$	46,550
Hazel Green Fire & Rescue Dept.	Vehicle Acquisition	Hazel Green	\$	112,500

Fruitdale-Yellowpine VFD	Operations and Safety	Fruitdale	\$ 54,958
Plantersville VFD	Operations and Safety	Plantersville	\$ 24,040
Independence VFD	Operations and Safety	Prattville	\$ 43,953

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)

City of Huntsville Fire & Rescue	Hiring	Huntsville	\$ 2,601,120
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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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