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ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE NEARLY \$350,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today awarded \$329,054 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the state of Alabama.

“In a year that has already had its share of severe weather, we have also seen that local emergency responders are once again prepared to step forward and protect their communities,” said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May. “As we head deeper into the severe weather season, first responders will be better equipped and trained to handle any situation put before them, whether natural or manmade.”

Nationally, this week's grants total is nearly \$30 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). 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)

Shackleville VFD	Operations and Safety	Greenville	\$33,884
Clayton VFD	Operations and Safety	Clayton	\$34,932
Valley Grande VFD	Operations and Safety	Valley Grande	\$20,824
Springville FD	Operations and Safety	Springville	\$125,148
Town of West Jefferson VFD	Operations and Safety	Quinton	\$55,765
Lakeview Fire Protection District	Operations and Safety	McCalla	\$58,501

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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