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## ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE NEARLY \$500,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

**ATLANTA** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today awarded \$477,651 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the state of Alabama.

“FEMA is proud to help our nation’s fire departments with funding for new equipment and training,” said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May.

Nationally, this week’s grants total \$64 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)

Cottonwood FD	Cottonwood	Operations and Safety	\$85,629
Collirene VFD	Tyler	Operations and Safety	\$67,029
Phenix City Fire & Rescue Services	Phenix City	Operations and Safety	\$50,990
City of Arab	Arab	Operations and Safety	\$153,060
Somerville Area Vol. Emergency Services, Inc.	Somerville	Operations and Safety	\$60,943

**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)

Magnolia Springs VFD	Magnolia Springs	Recruitment	\$60,000
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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](http://www.firegrantsupport.com)).

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