

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) today announced the award of funding to the Bayou La Batre Fire Department from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). The grant, totaling \$308,750, is being made available through USFA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and will be used to acquire a new vehicle.

"I am extremely pleased this funding was approved for the Bayou La Batre Fire Department," Bonner said. "Our first responders deserve the very best equipment, and I applaud DHS for providing this much-needed grant to improve their capabilities."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program provides one-year grants to local fire departments to assist them in improving the effectiveness of their operations. The funding can be used for vehicle acquisition, which includes pumpers, brush trucks, tankers/tenders, rescue vehicles, ambulances, quints, aerials, foam units, and fireboats.