WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) today announced the award of funding to Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The grant, totaling $67,973, is being made available through USFA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and will be used for the purpose of operations and firefighter safety. The grant will enable the department to replace obsolete breathing apparatus.

"I am extremely pleased the Department of Homeland Security has approved this funding for Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue," Bonner said. "The department and the residents of Dauphin Island are to be strongly commended for their efforts in recent years to enhance the service provided by the department and, through that process, provide a greater degree of safety and fire prevention for their area."

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 operations and firefighter safety programs, which includes training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

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