

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the award of funding to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The grant, totaling \$71,730, is being made available through the USFA's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program.

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

The Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program provides one-year grant funding to local fire departments and other local, state, regional, or national programs to assist them in improving their ability to address fire prevention and safety issues. The funding can be used for public education and awareness activities, fire code enforcement activities, fire inspection certifications, the purchase and installation of smoke alarms and fire suppression systems, wildland/wildfire mitigation, and arson prevention and detection activities.