

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the award of funding to the Boykin-Damascus Volunteer Fire Department from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The grant, totaling \$50,755, is being made available through the USFA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and will be used for operations and firefighter safety.

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

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program provides one-year grant funding to local fire departments to assist them in improving their ability to respond to fire-related and other emergencies in their communities. The funding can be used to purchase firefighting equipment, enhance emergency medical services programs, fund firefighter health and safety programs, and conduct fire education and prevention programs.