

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced that representatives of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness will be hosting a workshop on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This seminar will be held at the Mobile Convention Center, Room 204-B, on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and is designed to provide information on this program to representatives of area fire and rescue departments.

“I am extremely pleased the Department of Homeland Security has agreed to host this important workshop in the First District” Bonner said. “Numerous fire and rescue departments in south Alabama have benefited tremendously from the Assistance to Firefighters Program during the past several years, and I am confident this informative conference will result in further funding opportunities for these critical organizations.”

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.

For more information on this and other Homeland Security seminars as well as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, please visit their website at www.firegrantsupport.com.