

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the award of funding to the Leroy Volunteer Fire Department from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The grant, totaling \$42,540, is being made available through the USFA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and will be used for the purpose of fire operations and firefighter safety.

"I am extremely pleased the Department of Homeland Security has approved this funding for the Leroy Volunteer Fire Department," Bonner said. "Leroy and its residents are to be strongly commended for their efforts in recent years to strengthen their fire department 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.