

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the award of funding to the Tibbie Volunteer Fire Department from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Fire Administration (USFA). The grant, totaling \$137,250, is being made available through the USFA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and will be used for the purchase of a firefighting vehicle.

"I am extremely pleased the Department of Homeland Security has approved this funding for the Tibbie Volunteer Fire Department," Bonner said. "The Tibbie area and its residents are to be strongly commended for their efforts in recent years to strengthen their own 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 in this round of grant awards is being made available for use in four major program areas:

purchasing firefighting equipment, funding of firefighter and health safety programs, enhancing emergency medical services programs, and conducting fire education and prevention programs.