

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the Maytown Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a federal fire grant in the amount of \$9,500.

“Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and saving property. They deserve modern equipment and the best in safety gear. This grant program helps ensure that fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls. The Maytown Volunteer Fire Department is to be commended for qualifying for this grant,” Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grant.

Maytown Volunteer Fire Department – \$9,500

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Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of a thermal

imaging camera

Chief Kevin Goolsby said, “This is very important for the safety of our firefighters and citizens. It will allow us to locate a person or a downed firefighter in a smoke-filled building. The thermal imaging camera will be very useful to our rescue teams whose job is to locate downed firefighters.”

Funds awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) program are used to meet the firefighting and emergency needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are considered and scored by peer review panels.

The program is administered by the U.S. Department of

Homeland Security.