

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-Vestavia Hills) today announced that Shelby Volunteer Fire Department has received a \$48,165 grant and the Columbiana Fire Department has received a grant for \$49,115.

The federal funds, which will be used to purchase new equipment and safety gear, were awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

“By guarding the health and safety of its dedicated firefighters, both departments will be better able to serve their communities,” said Congressman Bachus. “There is great competition for these fire grants and I congratulate Shelby and Columbiana for submitting such strong proposals.”

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are reviewed and scored by peer review panels.

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

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