

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the Pelham Fire Department has been awarded a federal fire grant in the amount of \$82,304.

“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,” Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grant.

Pelham Fire Department – \$82,403

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of a vehicle exhaust system. The system will prevent diesel fumes from coming into the station when vehicles are readied for a call and will act as a filtering unit by limiting the amount of black smoke released from trucks. The system, which can be set automatically or by hand, will help protect the health and safety of firefighters.

Chief Danny Endress said, “We are very thankful that these grants are out there and fortunate to be awarded among all those that have applied. This is an item that was eligible under the grant and may not have been purchased without it. It may have been passed over in the budget because it would likely have fallen down on the list due to needs. This is

something that will ensure the safety of our 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.