

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus today announced that Kimberly Fire and Rescue in Jefferson County has been awarded a federal fire grant in the amount of \$9500.

"Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and saving property. This grant program helps ensure that fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls. Kimberly Fire and Rescue is to be commended for qualifying for this funding," Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grant.

### **Kimberly Fire and Rescue - \$9500**

Fire Prevention and Safety Award for the purchase and installation of fire detectors in the homes of the elderly, homes with young children, and homes with disabled individuals. The smoke alarms will have 10 year lithium batteries and require little maintenance.

Assistant Fire Chief Greg Pugliese said, "I would like to thank Congressman Bachus for his support during the application process. It is always better to prevent fires than to have to put them out. We will personally install these fire detectors in the homes of those in need with the hopes of increasing the safety of those most at risk in our community."

Funds awarded under the Fire Prevention and Safety Program are used to meet the 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.