

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a federal fire grant in the amount of \$37,473.

"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 Shelby Volunteer Fire Department is to be commended for qualifying for this grant," Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grant.

Shelby Volunteer Fire Department – \$37,473

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of an extrication tool (Jaws of Life), new turnout gear, radios, pagers, and training videos

Chief Cain Reed said, "We are very thankful for this grant. Especially when you live in a rural area, this funding goes a long way towards helping our department to get the type of equipment it needs. We appreciate the support we have received from Congressman Bachus and the community."

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.