

WASHINGTON (January 27) - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the Margaret Fire and Rescue Service in St. Clair County has been awarded a federal fire grant in the amount of \$54,720.

"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 Margaret Fire and Rescue Service is to be commended for qualifying for this grant," Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grant.

Margaret Fire and Rescue Service - \$54,720

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of three new cardiac heart monitor defibrillators

Chief Tom Dixon said, "This grant will allow us to outfit our three response vehicles with new technology that will allow us to offer advanced life support services. It is important for the emergency response services that we provide to the community, and we thank Congressman Bachus for his support."

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.