

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced fire grants for three fire departments in the Sixth District.

“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 grants.

Hueytown Fire and Rescue - \$40, 375

Operations and Safety Grant for installation of direct source diesel exhaust capture system

Chief Wayne Shelton said, “This will help protect our firefighters and those they are serving. This program is very helpful in these economic times. It allows us to purchase valuable equipment we otherwise we not be able to get. I would like to express my thanks to Congressman Bachus’ office for their help and support over the years.”

Riverside Fire and Rescue - \$13, 174

Operations and Safety Grant for purchase of new turnout gear

Chief Timothy Kurzejeski said, “This grant program has been great for our department. It has allowed us to secure equipment that we might not otherwise have been able to purchase. We would also like to thank Congressman Bachus for all his support. Our department has been very successful with this grant program and his office has always been eager to offer their support.”

Brierfield Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service - \$67, 813

Operations and Safety Grant for purchase of turnout gear, equipment for two fire engines, and training materials

Chief Spruce McRee said, “We are very thankful to have gotten this grant. It will go a long way towards making sure our firemen have the equipment they need to adequately serve and protect the community. We have just opened a new fire station and it is very difficult for volunteer fire departments to raise the money needed for this type of equipment. I would like to thank Congressman Bachus for all the support he has provided to this department and this grant program.”

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.