

WASHINGTON (February 17) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced fire grants for four 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.

Brookside Fire and Rescue Services– \$108,842

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of new turnout and protective gear, including 17 new sets of turnout gear, 15 self-contained breathing apparatus, 15 air tanks, and 5 masks

Chief Donnie Huey said, “This will be a tremendous help to our department. Our turnout gear needs to be replaced and the new self-contained breathing apparatus will allow us to comply with national safety standards. We thank Congressman Bachus for his support.”

Mayor Roger McCondichie said, “Brookside is building a first class fire department with a new station, new truck and, with the help of this grant, new gear for our firefighters. Morale is high and we are appreciative of Congressman Bachus’ assistance.”

County 17 Fire and Rescue - \$232,750

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of a new Pierce Pumper fire vehicle

Chief Jason Carter said, “Our department worked together on this and we are very happy that it has all come together. We are thankful for the grant and it is great for the people of our community. We are appreciative of the support that Congressman Bachus has given to our department and to this program.”

Nicol Volunteer Fire Department - \$119,225

Operations and Safety Grant for purchase of 1800 gallon Rural Fire Tanker Tender

Chief Gaston Wilson, Jr. said, “First of all, we would like to thank Congressman Bachus for all the support he has provided. He has always stuck with us and helped us. We are in an area that is mostly poor and impoverished and people don’t have much to give to this volunteer fire department. This is not only going to assist us, it will assist others in our area. This will increase our safety rating and lower the cost of insurance while greatly improving our capabilities as a fire department.”

Ashville Fire Department - \$7,547

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of new turnout gear

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.