

?FEMA awards \$94,402 in assistance grants to Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department

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? The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded \$94,402 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program to the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department in Henryville, Ind. Nationally, the fiscal year (FY) 2008 AFG awards will provide approximately \$500 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

The AFG and SAFER programs are the result of an effort by the Federal government to ensure the provision of a solid foundation for local fire and emergency response services. These grants help to ensure the nation's firefighters have the basic tools and resources necessary to safely perform their responsibilities, save lives and continue to protect residents from fire.

This round of national fire grants amounts to more than \$64 million and includes a \$94,402 grant provided to the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department for operations and safety.

The AFG program is an important component of the administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the nation's overall level of preparedness. The program is designed to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

The AFG is administered cooperatively by two FEMA components: the National Preparedness Directorate and the United States Fire Administration. The full list of past and current recipients and other Assistance to Firefighter Grant program information is posted on the AFG Web site (www.firegrantsupport.com).

FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.