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Musgrave announces federal firefighter grants

Washington, DC: Today, Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) announced that six local fire and rescue departments will receive this year's Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program within the Fourth Congressional District. Awarded by the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness, Congress passed legislation to make \$650 million available nationally for direct assistance to firefighters to improve the effectiveness of their operations, health and safety programs, and to expand fire prevention programs. Musgrave supported this bill in the House.

The 2005 Firefighter Grant Program was awarded to the following local departments:

Julesburg Volunteer Fire	
\$50,901 Julesburg	
Southwest Washington County Fire Protection District	\$11,400
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Yuma Fire Association	\$41,800
Yuma	
Akron Volunteer Fire Department	
\$26,537 Akron	
Sterling Fire Department	
\$36,296 Sterling	
City of Evans Fire/Rescue	
\$100,628 Evans	
Lamar Fire Department	\$41,800
Lamar	

"It is important our first responders have the resources and tools needed to protect the lives of Colorado's rural residents. This grant is crucial because these are small departments in small communities. I am pleased to see the federal government, through Homeland Security, is returning taxpayer money to Colorado in a way that will help secure the lives of its residents."

Grantees were invited to submit an application for assistance in only one of the following three supported program areas:

- **Operations and Firefighter Safety Program.** Includes training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

- **Fire Prevention Program.** Includes public education and awareness activities, fire code enforcement activities, fire inspector certifications and other activities, purchase and installation of smoke alarms and fire suppression systems, wildland mitigation, and arson prevention and detection activities.

- **Firefighting Vehicles Acquisition Program.** Includes pumpers, brush trucks, tankers/tenders, rescue vehicles, ambulances, quints, aerials, foam units, and fireboats.