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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES THE FIRST ROUND OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS AWARDING \$2.4 MILLION TO AID AMERICA'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS

(Washington, DC) February 2, 2006 – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security today announced the first round of the Fiscal Year 2005 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S) awarding 35 grants to fire departments throughout the United States.

FP&S will issue approximately 400 awards worth nearly \$32.5 million. The program prioritizes projects focusing on preventing fire-related injuries to children. Many of these awards represent innovative solutions for the delivery of fire prevention activities throughout the United States. In addition to these priorities, FP&S grants support research focusing on ways to improve the safety and health of firefighters.

“We recognize the importance of these grants in helping to keep our firefighters safe and healthy, and in curbing preventable fires from occurring in the first place,” said Tracy A. Henke, Executive Director of the Office of Grants and Training (G&T).

This first round of grant awards provides \$2,400,352 to support fire prevention and safety efforts that focus on the safety of high-risk target groups, such as children, seniors, and firefighters.

“The Federal government continues to support the critical work of our nation’s firefighters through the Fire Prevention and Safety grants by addressing the issues that can help prevent fires from happening,” said Charlie Dickinson, Deputy Administrator of the Department of Homeland Security’s United States Fire Administration.

The Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program is administered by the Department’s Office of Grants and Training (G&T) in cooperation with the United States Fire Administration.

G&T is the principal federal agency responsible for the preparedness of the United States for acts of terrorism, including coordinating preparedness efforts at the federal level, and working with all state, local, tribal, parish, and private sector emergency response providers on all matters pertaining to combating terrorism, including training, exercises and equipment support. To support this mission, G&T administers a number of programs that provide a

wide array of support to our nation's emergency preparedness and response community. For more information on G&T, please visit the Website at www.ojp.gov/odp.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) is a division of the Preparedness Directorate within the Department of Homeland Security. The mission of the USFA is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination, and support. For more information on USFA, please visit the Website at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>.

(Attachment A: List of Fiscal Year 2005 Fire Prevention and Safety Round 1 recipients)

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