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<u>Vitter, Alexander Announce Grant Funding</u> <u>for Monroe Firefighters</u>

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Sen. David Vitter and U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander announced today that the Monroe Fire Department will receive a federal grant of \$148,880 to meet the growing needs of the department.

"This is good news for Monroe, and I am pleased the U.S. Department of Homeland Security made this funding available to them," said Vitter. "These firefighters risk their lives everyday, and they deserve this funding to ensure they have the equipment and other necessary resources to protect their citizens."

"The Monroe firefighters are dedicated to saving lives and protecting local residents," Alexander said. "This federal funding will ensure that they will continue to carry out future missions more effectively."

This grant will be used to support the firefighters and help them secure the necessary equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The funding is provided by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program at the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.