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## **Alexander Announces Funding for Rapides Parish Fire District #12**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will award \$53,105 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program to the Rapides Parish Fire District #12.

The AFG program is designed to enable local fire departments and emergency medical service organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles. Throughout the country, the AFG awards will provide approximately \$500 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations for FY 2008.

**“Throughout the district, men and women, such as those of the Rapides Parish Fire District #12, work selflessly to protect the health and safety of our friends and neighbors,”** Alexander said.

**“It is essential that our local fire and emergency response teams are equipped with the basic tools and resources needed to protect themselves in performing these responsibilities.”**