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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES THE FIFTEENTH ROUND OF THE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS AWARDING \$836,029 TO AID AMERICA'S FIRE DEPARTMENTS

(Washington, DC) May 26, 2006 – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security today announced the fifteenth round of the Fiscal Year 2005 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S) awarding three grants to fire departments throughout the United States.

FP&S will issue approximately 400 awards worth at least \$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, Assistant Secretary for the DHS Preparedness Directorate’s Office of Grants and Training (G&T).

This fifteenth round of grant awards provides \$836,029 to support fire prevention and safety efforts that focus on the safety of high-risk target groups, such as children, seniors, and firefighters. The following grants were awarded in this round: an award of \$91,654 to the Hartford Fire Department in Hartford, Connecticut; an award of \$3,600 to the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department in Columbia, Louisiana; and an award of \$740,775 to the International Association of Arson Investigators in Bridgeton, Missouri.

“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, a component of the DHS Preparedness Directorate, partners with federal, state, local, and private sector officials to strengthen the capabilities of state, local, tribal, and regional authorities to prepare for, prevent, and respond to terrorist acts and other catastrophic incidents. G&T provides a broad array of assistance to America's emergency responders through funding, coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition, and technical assistance.

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>.

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