

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today announced that the Halbur Fire Department will receive a \$40,375 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

“I am pleased to announce this grant, which will significantly increase safety in Carroll County,” King said. “I applaud the brave men and women of the Halbur Fire Department who sacrifice their own safety to protect our communities.”

BACKGROUND:

- The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is an important component of the larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the Nation's overall level of preparedness and ability to respond to fire and related hazards. Since 2001, the AFG has provided approximately \$4 billion in grants to first-responder organizations to obtain much-needed emergency response equipment, personal protective equipment, firefighting and emergency vehicles, and training. During fiscal year (FY) 2009, the AFG will award another \$565 million to first-responder organizations that need support to improve their capability to respond to fires and emergencies of all types.