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Paulding County Fire & Rescue Awarded FEMA Grant

Department will use funding to acquire new Ladder Truck

Hiram, Georgia – June 9, 2016. Paulding County Fire & Rescue announced that it has been awarded a \$909,091 grant from the federal government. The funds, earmarked to purchase a new Aerial Ladder Truck, will help improve emergency response and save lives.

According to United States Senator Johnny Isakson, “This grant is important to the safety and well-being of my constituents in Georgia. Funding will enable the Department to purchase an aerial apparatus for its fleet to replace aging equipment and increase the ability to respond to incidents involving taller structures.”

“Grants like this are crucial for departments like ours,” added Chief Joey Pelfrey. “We rely on our firefighters to function on a limited budget to get the job done. This federal grant will allow the men and women of our department to have the most up to date life-saving equipment without having to make harmful budget cuts or add to local taxes.”

Chief Pelfrey continued, “With continued growth in the County this vehicle acquisition will enhance fire suppression and rescue capabilities to the citizens of Paulding. We are extremely happy to have earned this grant, and appreciate the Federal government’s contribution back to our taxpayers.”

About the grant program: Awarded through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, these funds are designed to help communities meet their emergency response needs without placing an additional burden on their local budgets. The AFG program awards over \$300 million annually to fire departments and EMS organizations nationwide in an effort to improve public safety and responsiveness in times of emergency.

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