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LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$259,200 THROUGH FY 2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

(Bodega CA) –On 4-10-2010, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded a \$259,200 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program award to the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department for the use of Vehicle Acquisition.

Nationally, the AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$565 million this year to roughly 4500 fire-related organizations.

Through the AFG program, the department awards grants to firefighters, emergency response personnel and first responders throughout the country to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public, with respect to fire and other hazards.

The grants provide resources for local fire departments and emergency medical services programs to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

The Bodega Volunteer Fire Department is a 100% volunteer department with no tax base. The department operates on donations, fundraisers, dues and grant programs like the AFG. This grant will replace a 26 year old wildland type 3 engine. The new engine will be 4 wheel drive and increase the ability of the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department to fight wildland fires in Bodega and surrounding areas. Without funding from FEMA the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department would have been unable to replace this piece of equipment.

The Bodega Volunteer Fire Department is extremely grateful for being selected for such an award.

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