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LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$16,435 THROUGH FY 2010 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

(Bodega CA) –On 2-5-2011, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded a \$16,435 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program award to the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department for a PPE gear washer/Extractor and Drying Cabinet.

Nationally, the AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$390 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 allows the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department to properly wash and dry all of its Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This allows for a cleaner safer working environment and will reduce the exposure of contaminants to firefighters and their families. Proper cleaning methods of PPE will also extend the life of the equipment

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