

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today announced that Okeechobee County Fire Rescue will receive a \$158,796 competitive grant award through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to enhance preparedness and ability to respond to fire and other hazards.

“This grant will help ensure that Okeechobee firefighters and first responders have the resources and training they need to react to any potential disaster or hazard,” Rooney said. “I’m pleased to announce this \$158,796 competitive grant to help our firefighters protect the health and safety of our community, and I applaud their hard work and dedication.”

The AFG program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). Okeechobee County Fire Rescue received funds through the AFG’s Operations and Safety Program, which provides assistance for training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and health and safety modifications to stations and facilities.

In November 2009, Rep. Rooney voted to pass the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009.

“To learn more about grant related services or to request a letter of support, please contact my office at (772) 288-4668 or visit <http://Rooney.house.gov>,” Rooney said.

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