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## **Barrow Announces \$76,700 Grant for Wrightsville Fire Department**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) announced today that the Wrightsville Fire Department will receive a \$76,700 Fiscal Year 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The grant award is being made by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The Wrightsville Fire Department will be able to use these funds for training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness, and health and safety modifications to the fire station.

“I know this grant will be put to good use,” said Barrow. “Just because the economy’s not doing great doesn’t mean that the heroic folks at the Fire Department have less work to do. If anything, they’re always being asked to do more with fewer resources, and that’s not right. The whole community will benefit from this money.”

The Department of Homeland Security’s AFG program is an important component of the Administration’s larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the Nation’s overall level of preparedness and ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards. The purpose of the FY 2008 AFG is to award grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations.

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