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## **SPALDING COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED \$382,864 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT**

The Spalding County Fire Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$382,864 from the FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

The grant award will be utilized to acquire updated self-contained breathing apparatus for the department. The current equipment is twelve years old and was last updated in 2005, with the award of the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Spalding County was awarded this grant in the 9th round of 15 rounds of award notifications, while being the 880 department of 1540 departments who were awarded grants.

***For more information, contact Spalding County Fire Department at  
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