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**TENNESSEE FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
RECEIVES \$192,300 THROUGH FY 2007 ASSISTANCE TO
FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD
FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

On April 4, 2008, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded a \$192,300 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to the Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association a Chapter of NFSA. The funding will allow TFSCA to deliver a three day training session to state fire sprinkler contractors, local AHJs, and other interested individuals. There will be six (6) three (3) day classes to attend this training across the state of Tennessee, with the grant covering the lodging costs of attendees, Workbooks, as well as some meals. Classes that are scheduled to be taught by the National Fire Sprinkler Associations Training Division are, Sprinklers for Dwellings, Fire Sprinkler Hydraulics, and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems.

“The TFSCA is proud to be the recipient of this grant funding,” says Carl Cutrell, TFSCA President. “This will allow Tennessee to train officials and sprinkler contractors on fire sprinkler technology and how to review plans, conduct inspections and ensure quality installations across the state.”

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 fire prevention initiatives such as this one of the TFSCA.

Due to the highly competitive nature of the AFG, more than 18,000 applications, totaling close to \$2.5 billion in grant requests, were received for FY2007.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the department’s Directorate for Preparedness through its Office of Grants and Training (G&T) in cooperation with the United States Fire Administration, also a division of the Preparedness Directorate.

The Directorate for Preparedness bolsters the nation’s security through a multilayered system of preparedness measures based on risk assessment and management. Working with federal, state, local and private sector partners, the Directorate for Preparedness identifies threats, determines vulnerabilities and targets resources where risk is greatest. Through grants, training and exercises, fire service, public health and citizen preparedness initiatives, the Directorate fosters a layered system of protective measures to safeguard our borders, critical infrastructure and cyber security and telecommunications systems.

The Office of Grants and Training, the federal government’s lead agency responsible for preparing the nation against

terrorism and other catastrophic events, provides a wide array of support to the emergency preparedness and response community. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) works to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies through leadership, advocacy, coordination and support.

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