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Fire Department Awarded Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Troup County, Ga. August 27, 2020 – The Troup County Fire Department has been awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security, which will be used to protect the health and welfare of Troup County firefighters against fire and fire-related hazards.

The Fire Department has accepted the award in the amount of \$245,454.55 in Federal funding, which requires the condition of a 10% match in the amount of \$24,545.45 for a total approved budget of \$270,000. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant will be used to purchase and install source capture exhaust systems that meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommendations for Troup County Fire Stations.

The installation of the source capture exhaust systems will assist in reducing emissions to the lowest feasible level in order to limit the impact on firefighters' health, which is vital due to the risk associated with the exposure of exhaust from diesel fuel when an apparatus is operated inside of a building. Troup County Fire Department leaders are grateful for the opportunity presented from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to improve conditions and protect the health of its firefighters.

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