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BECKLEY-RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEIVES FEMA GRANT

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the United States Fire Administration (USFA), has awarded \$18,750 to the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce for a fire prevention program that addresses the fire problems confronting school children and adults.

The award is part of the National Community Volunteer Fire Prevention Program and according to Congressman Rahall, an effort by many resources to promote fire prevention.

"The program is a federal effort to combine the resources of government at all levels to build and support successful fire prevention programs," Rahall said. "Projects funded are community-wide action plans targeted at fire prevention awareness, fire safety and survival, and fire prevention."

A coordinating committee established in the governor's office reviews project proposals from local groups and recommends projects to the USFA for funding. The West Virginia committee selected the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce.

The state committees are comprised of representatives from state agencies, the private sector, the local fire service and state-wide community service groups.