

To: Emergency Managers
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I just wanted you to know that I am working away on a memo for you on the three bills posted by House Appropriations Chairman Rogers (D-KY), but I wanted to share some details with you now.

The final FY 2012 Appropriations bill package introduced by Chairman Rodgers includes:

- 1.) A bill (H.R. 3671) that contains FY 2012 funding for federal agencies under the remaining nine Appropriations bills, including: Defense, Energy and Water, Financial Services, **Homeland Security**, Interior/Environment, Labor/Health and Human Services/Education, the Legislative Branch, Military Construction/Veterans Affairs, and State/Foreign Operations;
- 2.) A bill (H.R. 3672) that provides funding for disaster aid and recovery assistance. This is a supplemental of \$6.4 billion for FEMA and \$1.7 billion for the Corps of Engineers.
- 3.) A bill (H.Con.Res. 94) that contains offsets for the disaster funding of 1.83% across the board cut to FY 2012 discretionary spending except the Department of Defense and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bills. This bill is considered to be an "enrollment correction" to HR. 3672.

Chairman Rogers Summary is posted on the Committee website at http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12_14_11_FY_12_Final_Bill_Detailed_Summary.pdf

The bills are posted on the House Rules website at <http://www.rules.house.gov/>. These bills will also be posted at IAEM.com early afternoon along with memos and updates.

Very Brief highlights--

- \$350 million for **Emergency Management Performance Grants. It is retained as a separate account. Please thank your members of Congress who have supported this \$10 million increase from FY 2011 in this very difficult budget year.**
- \$ 675,000,000 for Firefighter Assistance including \$337,000,000 for SAFER grants. Is retained as a separate account.
- \$1,349,681,000 for State and Local Programs, of this \$231,681,000 is for Training Exercises and Technical Assistance, \$50,000,000 is for Operation

Stonegarden, and \$100,000,000 must go to areas of highest risk for terrorist attack. 12 grants programs are included with no specific amount designated for each. Designation is left to Secretary. 6.8 percent goes to FEMA for grant administration. Designation is left to Secretary. This is a significant reduction.

- \$35,000,000 for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program
- \$44,838,000 for the U.S. Fire Administration
- \$700,000,000 for the Disaster Relief Fund (supplemental \$6.4 billion is in HR. 3672)
- \$120,000,000 for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

General Provisions

There are also a number of General Provisions of interest that I will include in the longer memo, such as limitation on a Principal Federal Official, Disaster Assistance Recoupment, waivers of provisions of the Federal Fire Protection and Control Act, funding for state and local expenses for National Special Security Events, reimbursement of SBA loans for mitigation in certain circumstance at discretion of the state, and other items.

What Chairman Rogers included in his summary for FEMA follows:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – The bill includes \$4.7 billion in regular, base discretionary funding for FEMA – a decrease of \$2.9 billion from last year's level. The bill fully funds Emergency Management Performance Grants at \$350 million and provides \$675 million for firefighting grants. The bill provides \$700 million in base funding for the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). An additional \$6.4 billion in emergency disaster assistance is provided in a separate Appropriations bill in the three-bill package.

- FEMA First Responder Grants – A total of \$2.4 billion is provided for FEMA First Responder Grants, \$1 billion below last year's level and \$1.5 billion below the President's request. In addition, the bill requires increased reporting requirements and oversight of existing funds, consolidates disparate programs, and dedicates \$100 million to areas with the greatest risk of terrorist attack.