



To: Emergency Managers

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This afternoon the Conferees on the FY 2010 Appropriations Bill for the Department of Homeland Security reached agreement.

I am providing some highlights and attaching the Committee press release. I will provide more details when the Conference report is available.

Some highlights follow:

Bill Total

2009 Enacted: \$40.128 billion

2010 President's Request: \$43.071 billion (includes Coast Guard Overseas Contingencies)

House Passed: \$42.617 billion: Senate Passed: \$42.927 billion

Conference Agreement: \$42.776 billion

FEMA: \$903 million for FEMA Management and Administration. Together with amounts made available for management and administration from other FEMA accounts, these activities are funded at \$9 million above fiscal year 2009.

Emergency Management Performance Grants: \$340 million, \$25 million above the request and 2009, for all-hazard grants for state and local emergency managers.

- **State Grants:** \$950 million, matching the request and 2009, for grants used to plan, equip and train local first responders to respond to terrorist attacks and catastrophic incidents, including \$60 million for Operation Stonegarden.
- **Urban Area Security Grants:** \$887 million, matching the request and \$50 million above 2009, to help high-risk urban communities prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.
- **Rail/Transit Security Grants:** \$300 million, \$50 million above the request, to protect critical transit infrastructure, including freight rail, Amtrak and ferry systems in high-threat areas.

- **Port Security Grants:** \$300 million, \$50 million above the request, to assist ports in enhancing maritime domain awareness and enhancing risk management capabilities to prevent, detect, and respond to terrorist attacks.

- **Fire Grants (including SAFER):** \$810 million, \$220 million above the request and \$35 million above 2009, to help local fire departments address communication, equipment and staffing problems. Of this total, \$420 million is for SAFER, as requested, and \$390 million is for fire grants.

- **Metropolitan Medical Response System:** \$41 million, \$1 million above the request, to help high-threat communities respond to mass casualty incidents.

- **Interoperable Communications:** \$50 million, matching the request and 2009, for help firefighters and emergency responders talk to each other during a crisis.

- **Emergency Operations Centers:** \$60 million, \$25 million above 2009, to equip and upgrade central command facilities used by emergency personnel during disasters.

Emergency Food and Shelter: \$200 million, matching 2009 and \$100 million above the request, to address the increasing needs for food and shelter of our citizens in this time of economic downturn.

REAL ID: \$60 million, \$40 million below 2009, to help states comply with REAL ID, which requires state driver's licenses to meet new standards in order to be used for federal identification purposes. Of this total, \$50 million is for the driver's license security grant program, the same as 2009, and \$10 million is for REAL ID hub development.

Program Extensions: Extends the authorization for PreDisaster Mitigation and Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards for a year.