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## **ANNISTON RECEIVES HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR ADVANCED SEARCH & RESCUE TECHNOLOGY**

**ANNISTON, AL --** The Department of Homeland Security has awarded the Anniston Fire Department the FY22 **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$95,353.63.** This grant will enable the Anniston Fire Department to enhance its capabilities through the acquisition of state-of-the-art LUNAR devices.

The LUNAR device is a wireless, handheld search and rescue tool that incorporates cutting-edge technologies, including firefighter-to-firefighter ranging, edge detection, enhanced thermal imaging, and cloud connectivity to FireGrid. With embedded Bluetooth technology, LUNAR seamlessly connects to firefighters' safety apparatuses, providing a continuous stream of vital information. Firefighters can access critical data such as estimated air pressure, time remaining, and battery life on-screen.

The integration of LUNAR with the G1 SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) represents a significant advancement in firefighter safety. By utilizing embedded Bluetooth technology, LUNAR and the G1 SCBA establish a constant flow of information, enabling real-time data sharing with Local Incident Command and Remote Monitoring. This connectivity provides enhanced visibility of personnel and incidents, empowering confident decision-making.

**Anniston Fire Chief Jeff Waldrep** expressed his enthusiasm about the grant's impact, stating: *"This technological advancement allows for greater connectivity and collaboration between incident command, our firefighters and their equipment, ultimately ensuring increased safety in structural fires and other emergency situations where navigation, visibility, or communication can be difficult. This new technology will revolutionize trail rescues, enhance the monitoring of our brave men and women, and revolutionize many other aspects of our operations."*

For more information about the City of Anniston Fire Department and its initiatives, please visit [www.anniston.al.gov/fire-department](http://www.anniston.al.gov/fire-department).

