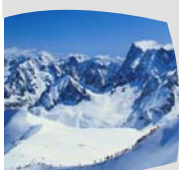




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First-Responder's *news*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FIRST-RESPONDERS AND HELPING THEM BUILD A SECURE FUTURE.

President Cuts First Responder Funding *in FY 2009 Budget Request*

In February, President Bush announced his FY 2009 budget request for funding for the federal government. The President's budget drastically cuts funding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's State and Local Programs account by more than \$1 billion, including a \$260 million cut for the FIRE Grant program, elimination of the SAFER grant program, and a six percent reduction in funding for the United States Fire Administration (USFA). This is the second year in a row that the funding cuts have been proposed.

FIRE and SAFER provide funding on a competitive basis directly to fire departments to bring them up to a baseline level of readiness. FIRE grants provide funding to purchase apparatus, equipment and training while SAFER grants pay for hiring and recruitment and retention of first responders. The President is requesting \$300 million for

FIRE and nothing for SAFER. FIRE and SAFER are each authorized at approximately \$1 billion and receive applications requesting more than twice this amount every year.

While first responders across the nation are sounding off about the cuts, the fact remains that with the country's current economic and fiscal situation and the pending election, the future of the grant programs as we know them is uncertain. This makes the job of choosing your department's equipment even more of a task. Fire departments will no longer be able to rely solely on federal funding for their future equipment requirements. As such, departments must start to choose their equipment wisely to obtain the best value for their money. This will prevent them from getting caught with expensive replacements in the future, which might not be funded by the federal government.

Start preparing for the inevitable today. The BOSS fire boot offers the weight, comfort and look of a leather fire boot, with the best protection of any fire boot on the market, at a fraction of the cost.



AIRBOSS-DEFENSE ON THE ROAD

FDIC 2008

April 10th to 12th, 2008

Indiana Convention Center

Booth: 5329

Indianapolis, IN

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AIRBOSS-DEFENSE ANNOUNCES \$15 MILLION IN CBRN ORDERS

AirBoss-Defense recently announced that it has received military orders for its Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) protective wear. The orders consist of 360,000 pairs of overboots and 213,000 pairs of gloves. All of these quantities are for delivery in 2008. The orders represent the largest ever received by AirBoss-Defense and are part of a 5 year contract signed with the US Department of Defense. The sales value of these orders boost AirBoss-Defense's current military and first response January 2008 sales and backlog as of mid-February to approximately \$27 million, or an amount almost equal to total sales in the prior year.



GENTLEMEN, START YOUR
engines !!
NASCAR

Do the names Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr, Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne ring a bell? If so, then you're just the person we're looking for.

AirBoss-Defense, in an effort to thank our growing list of customers, has just launched its newest drawing. We are giving you the chance to win 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

From now until September 30th, 2008, every time you purchase a pair of BOSS fire boots at your local fire equipment dealer, you get a chance to participate in a drawing for 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

So hurry down to your nearest fire equipment dealer and ask about how you can get in on your chance to win 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice. Who knows, you might find yourself right in the middle of the action with 3 of your friends!

Contact your local fire equipment dealer or AirBoss-Defense directly, for details on how to register.

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