



## Congressman Bud Cramer

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E-Newsletter

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is off to a great start. This month, I was sworn in for my eighth term as your Representative and I am looking forward to continuing my work for the people of North Alabama. I have always considered it an honor and a privilege to represent such a wonderful district and I'm committed to make sure our community will be an even better place in the future. This year, Congress will discuss and debate issues that will be significant to people across the country. The upcoming debates on social security, the tax code, and the ongoing war in Iraq will be very important to our community. I know many families will discuss these issues at the dinner table during the coming months and I'm looking forward to hearing your comments and thoughts. As always, for the most up-to-date information on these and other pieces of legislation, please visit my website, <http://www.cramer.house.gov>.

*Bud Cramer*

### Washington Update

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Representative Cramer was sworn in for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, his eighth term as the Representative for Alabama's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Cramer is currently the longest serving member of the Alabama House delegation and he will continue to serve on the House Appropriations Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

### District Update

Pictured on the right, Representative Cramer presented a total of \$1.3 million to Madison County Sheriff Blake Dorning and City of Huntsville Police Chief Rex Reynolds. The Huntsville Police Department received \$800,000. This funding will be used to upgrade the department's patrol cars to ensure that the mobile data terminals are not harmed by electrical malfunctions. It will also be used to help the department participate in a regional law enforcement data sharing network. In addition, the Madison County Sheriff's office received \$500,000. It will be used to help the Sheriff's office update its communication system. The new system will allow the Sheriff to share data with other agencies to better coordinate a response during an emergency.



Also this month, Representative Cramer presented \$180,000 to Morgan County Sheriff Greg Bartlett for law enforcement technology and equipment upgrades. The Morgan County Sheriff's office will use these funds to help purchase a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Device, a spotlight, and other equipment for its helicopter.

All of the funding presented to Madison County, Morgan County, and the City of Huntsville was secured by Cramer in the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act. Cramer is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for providing funds for all areas of the federal government as well as vital programs that help meet the needs of the nation. Cramer said, "As a former District Attorney, I believe in giving our law enforcement officers the tools they need to do their job. That is why I've worked hard in Congress to provide this funding and make sure that those protecting us have the most up-to-date technology available."