



Congressman Bud Cramer

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This month, the House Intelligence Committee began hearings on the September 11th Commission's report and its recommendations to improve our nation's intelligence operations. As a member of this committee, I believe it is critical that we closely review all of the recommendations by the Commission as well as those made by my colleagues, and implement the changes that will help our intelligence community operate more efficiently. We must do what is right for our intelligence community and give it the resources and technologies it needs to protect us in the future.

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District Update

This month, Walgreens Health Initiatives announced that it will create 500 full- and part-time jobs in Northwest Alabama by opening a customer service call center in Muscle Shoals. Representative Cramer was personally involved in the recruitment of Walgreens. In June, he led a delegation from North Alabama to Chicago to discuss with Walgreens the benefits of locating in the Shoals. Cramer said, "I've always believed in the importance of regional economic development and I'm pleased that the entire Shoals area worked together to recruit Walgreens. I welcome Walgreens into our area and look forward to a long partnership between Walgreens and the Shoals."

On August 25, Representative Cramer hosted a forum with law enforcement officials from every county in North Alabama to discuss the available federal resources and the law enforcement perspective on the fight against methamphetamine abuse. At the request of Representative Cramer, David Buchanan from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) was on hand to share information about the federal resources available to local law enforcement agencies to help deal with the meth problem. Representative Cramer, a member of the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine, has been on the forefront in the fight against methamphetamine abuse since arriving in Congress in 1991 and has secured over \$1.5 million to help Alabama law enforcement agencies curb meth usage.



From right-to-left: Chuck Phillips, Cramer, Lynn Sherrod, Tim Morgan, and Bob Burrell.



Representative Cramer presented \$1.2 million to Northwest Shoals Community College for its Center for Business and Industry. Once constructed, the Center for Business and Industry will include a teleconferencing center, industrial maintenance and research labs, a large auditorium, a lecture hall, and multiple classrooms. Cramer said, "This center is something that I believe will enable the Shoals area to offer more training and workforce development options and help give our area's economic development team an advantage during the recruitment process." (Pictured with Cramer is NWSCC President, Dr. Humphrey Lee)

Also this month, Cramer toured Wright-K Technology's new facility in Elkmont, Alabama. This is Wright-K Technology's second facility in North Alabama. Wright-K Technology, a tool manufacturer, employs 100 people and is located in the Elkmont Industrial Park.