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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$4,900 MOCK CHECK TO CITY OF ELSBERRY

Anita J. Dunning, the Missouri Acting State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented the City of Elsberry with a \$4,900 Mock Check on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The funds will be used to purchase and install an early warning siren.

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "Being well-prepared to react in emergency situations is key to saving lives. It's important that the federal government invest in rural Missouri, and I'm pleased to see these funds going to Elsberry."



Robert Kindred, Elsberry Emergency Preparedness Director said, "I can't imagine anything more important than the safety and well being of the citizens of our community. I appreciate the efforts of our Mayor and City Council members for their concern and dedication to our community. I am sure I speak for the entire City in expressing my sincere gratitude to USDA Rural Development for making the early warning system possible through their grant.

Front Row: Janie Dunning, Acting State Director, Rural Development; Carla Potts, Mayor, City of Elsberry; Lisa Foehner, Constituent Services Representative; Senator Claire McCaskill's Office

Back Row: Gary Hudnall, Alderman, City of Elsberry; Sherrill Edelen, Alderman, City of Elsberry; William Taylor, Alderman, City of Elsberry; Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Rural Development; Donna Martin, Area Specialist, Rural Development

Dunning said, "This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Vickie Myers, Acting Rural Development Manager, at the Troy Local Office of USDA Rural Development at , 114 Frenchman Bluff Road, Troy, MO 63379-2019 or by calling (636) 528-7046, extension 4.

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