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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$10,803 TO THE CITY OF LILBOURN TO PURCHASE A POLICE CAR

On Friday, September 19, 2008, Missouri Rural Development State Director Morris Westfall presented the City of Lilbourn with a certificate representing the funding awarded to the City to assist in the purchase of a Police Car for use by the City's Police Department.

"The new police car and equipment is critical to the protection of Lilbourn residents and the police officer who will risk his or her life to protect them. I commend the Lilbourn community and the USDA Rural Development staff for their hard work in making this project a reality," stated U.S. Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond.

The City of Lilbourn is a small community with two full-time and 1 part-time police officers. The Department recently requested the assistance of USDA Rural Development to replace a patrol vehicle that had over 100,000 miles on its second motor, and was costing the City approximately \$2,000 annually in repairs. The new vehicle will allow the Police Department to have two dependable vehicles for response to calls from the resident of Lilbourn.

"It is our responsibility to ensure local law enforcement agencies have the proper equipment to keep our communities safe," said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. "I'm pleased that this federal funding will help Lilbourn purchase a newer, safer, and more cost-effective police cruiser."

The funding for the vehicle is provided through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) Program. In addition to police vehicles, the CF loan and grant program also provides funding to help rural communities finance essential community facilities, health services, and the purchase of equipment which will provide vital services to rural residents. Some examples include financing an ambulance, warning sirens, fire-fighting equipment, jaws-of-life, rescue vehicle, 911 dispatch center, justice center, abuse center, public safety building, medical clinics and hospitals.

"We can be especially hard on our vehicles in rural Missouri, and our police cars and equipment are no exception. Lilbourn will be able to use this grant from USDA Rural Development to keep its citizens safer and to better equip first responders for the challenges they face every day," said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

"This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and being committed to the future of rural communities," said Westfall. "Appreciation is extended to our Federal elected officials for



Pictured left to right: Alvin Bobo, Alderman; Morris Westfall, Rural Development State Director; Jaz Davis, Police Dept.; Dale Ray, Mayor; Clyde Hawes, Presiding Commissioner; Cathy Walters, Rural Development Specialist; Larry Jackson, Alderman; Don Dav, Commissioner; Robert Taylor, Alderman

supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

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