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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$7,370 MOCK CHECK TO CITY OF NEWBURG

Anita J. Dunning, the Missouri Acting State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented Mayor Andrew Mattison with a \$7,370 Mock Check on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The funds will be used to purchase protective body armor, siren light controls, radio equipment and other necessary equipment for the police department.

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "First responders have been stretched thin in recent years, and that's why I'm so happy to see federal funds coming back to Missouri to help local police in Newburg."

Mayor Mattison said, "We truly appreciate this grant for police equipment. It will be used to assist and protect the residents of Newburg in their everyday lives. We have a strong partnership with Rural Development and feel their programs for assisting rural communities are vital for continued growth."

Dunning, said "Financing essential equipment is consistent with Rural Development's mission and President Bush's commitment 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 Mary Lue Richard, Rural Development Manager, at the Rolla Local Office of USDA Rural Development at , 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401-3962 or by calling (573) 364-1479.



Pictured left to right: Andy Mattison, Mayor; Phyllis Harris, City Clerk; MaryLue Richard, Rural Development Manager; Kim Elrod, Police Chief; Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Rural Development; Janie Dunning, Acting State Director, Rural Development

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