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IMPROVED PROTECTION EQUIPMENT COMES TO STEELE CITY

Steele City, Neb., May 19, 2008— The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded two grants totaling \$9,770 to the Steele City Rural Fire District #7. Funds will purchase an early warning siren and two sets of bunker gear.

“The new siren will provide Steele City residents with a greater level of security through the advance warning of inclement weather and alert of fires. The volunteer firefighters will be better protected by wearing the appropriate gear when fighting blazes,” stated Chief Dale Ebeling, Steele City Rural Fire District #7.

Funds provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant program. Grants of \$9,080 and \$690 were awarded for the siren and bunker gear respectively.

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