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NEW EMERGENCY VEHICLE WILL BRING IMPROVED RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY CALLS

Talmage, Neb., February 5, 2008— The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$19,000 to the Talmage Rescue Unit that, leveraged with nearly \$108,000 from the unit, purchased the village's ambulance. More than 940 rural residents of Talmage and the surrounding area will be served by the medical vehicle.

“Without the help of USDA Rural Development it is quite likely that our residents would be without ambulance services. We are extremely grateful for their support,” stated Mary Morris, president of the Talmage Rescue Unit.

Talmage's existing emergency vehicle was no longer operable. For the interim a vehicle was leased while the community raised money and applied for and received numerous grants. Emergency services today are provided by an American Emergency Vehicle type III Chevy 4500 chassis with Tramahawk conversion. Benefiting from the new ambulance are residents located in the Talmage Rural Fire District and Rescue Unit Service area which includes the Spring Creek Precinct-Johnson County, Lafayette Precinct-Nemaha County and McWilliams Precinct and Rock Creek Precinct in Otoe County.

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