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Search & Recovery Teams Approved For Federal Grant

Morgantown, WV – May 18, 2010: State Director **Bobby Lewis** announces that **Rural Development** approved a Community Facilities Economic Impact Initiative Grant in the amount of \$3,375 for Barbour County Tactical Search & Recovery Teams, Inc., Barbour County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment for the organization's Polaris Ranger 6X6 which is used for search and rescue. This will include an enclosed cab unit with heater, a slide out function that can be used to transport patients on a stretcher, amateur and public safety radios, and search lights.

“Projects, such as this one, that assist first responders are so very critical to our communities,” stated Lewis. “Our agency strives to improve the quality of life for all rural America.”

Through the Community Facilities Programs, assistance is provided to facilities such as libraries, schools and First Responders (e.g., ambulance services, hospitals), using a variety of programs that assist in funding construction, operating costs, repairs and equipment.

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