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Gilmer County VFD Approved To Receive Rural Development Grant

Morgantown, WV – July 22, 2011: State Director **Bobby Lewis** announces that **USDA Rural Development** approved a Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$9,520 for Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Gilmer County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to assist in the purchase of 16 air packs for the Gilmer County VFD firefighters.

“This upgrade in air packs is needed to conform with current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards,” explained Lewis.

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