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## Thornton Area VFD Approved For Federal Funds

**Morgantown, WV – August 10, 2010:** State Director Bobby Lewis announces that **Rural Development** approved a Community Facilities Loan in the amount of \$266,370 and a Grant in the amount of \$56,630 for the Thornton Area Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Taylor County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a new pumper-tanker truck. The pumper-tanker now in use is 16 years old and has nearly 300,000 miles on the odometer.

“The acquisition of a new truck is necessary to continue providing quality fire protection service to the area,” stated Lewis.

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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