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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS CHECK TO JOICE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR JAWS OF LIFE

Department Received \$6,490 Grant from Rural Development

JOICE – Dec. 30, 2006 – Kathy Lambert, USDA Rural Development Community Programs Specialist in Iowa Falls, today presented a ceremonial check to the Joice Fire Department. USDA Rural Development provided the department with a \$6,490 grant to support the purchase of Jaws of Life equipment.

“Rural Development is excited to partner with the Joice Fire Department on this project,” said Mark Reisinger, USDA Rural Development State Director in Iowa. “I hope we can continue to support the community's efforts to improve the quality of life for area residents.”

Rural Development's \$6,490 grant assisted the department's purchase of Jaws of Life equipment that will help the department improve service to area residents.

USDA Rural Development supported community facility projects in 97 communities across the state in 2006, including collaborating with 34 communities to purchase fire, rescue and public safety equipment and buildings. In total, USDA Rural Development made more than \$13 million in direct and guaranteed loans to help finance community facilities all around Iowa during the last fiscal year.

“At Rural Development, we are continually looking for ways to enhance the ability of rural communities to not only develop and grow, but also to thrive,” Reisinger said. “This project fits that vision perfectly.”

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USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

Committed to the future of rural communities.

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Further information on rural programs is available at the local USDA Rural Development office in Iowa Falls, which can be reached at (641) 648-5181, or by visiting USDA's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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