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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES FUNDS TO BEN TOWN FIRE CORPORATION

Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri Acting State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented the Ben Town Fire Corporation with a \$140,000 mock check on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the Fire Station in Brumley, Missouri. The funds were awarded to the Ben Town Fire Corporation to purchase a Fire Truck and equipment which is already in operation. President Glen Shelton accepted the check on behalf of Ben Town Fire Corporation. The new equipment will help the fire department continue quality fire protection to their service area.



“Having a well-equipped fire department saves lives in an emergency situation,” said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. “Newer and better fire trucks will help the Brumley Fire Department respond more quickly to emergencies.”

“These projects are great examples of what the federal government can do to enhance existing infrastructure for emergency response,” Hulshof stated. “There are several recent examples throughout the Ninth District of why early warning systems are so important. Similarly, it’s imperative that our first responders have the proper equipment to do the many tasks we ask them to perform. I’m pleased that USDA is able to help the firefighters in Brumley upgrade their equipment.”

“USDA is happy to be able to assist Ben Town Fire Corporation with a new fire truck and equipment,” said Dunning. “Appreciation is extended to our federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Other officials attending from USDA were: Kelly Gregory Area Director from Clinton, and Michael Fitzgerald, Rural Development Manager, from Eldon, MO.

Community Facilities assistance can be by direct loans, grants, or guaranteed loans through a conventional lender to help communities meet the basic needs of its citizens, as well as

build a stronger, more vibrant community. The funds are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, and non-profit corporations which meet specific criteria.

Anyone seeking more information about the Rural Development rural housing programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Michael Fitzgerald, Rural Development Manager, 101 Industrial Park Roadway , Eldon, Missouri, 65026, or calling 573-392-5667.

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