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USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS MOCK CHECK TO CITY OF BISMARCK FOR WARNING SIRENS

Morris Westfall, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented the City of Bismarck Mayor, Dennis Mayberry with a \$14,297 Mock Check on Wednesday December 17, 2008. The funds will be used to purchase two warning sirens for the city of Bismarck which will improve safety for the citizens of Bismarck.

U.S. Senator Kit Bond stated, "Early warning sirens are important to community safety and emergency preparedness. I commend the local leadership and the USDA Rural Development staff for their hard work on this project that will help protect the Bismarck community during emergency situations."

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "In Missouri, we know how many lives that can be saved by warning sirens when severe weather hits." Senator McCaskill continued, "It's wonderful that the community of Bismarck will be able to better protect its residents with the help of these federal grant funds."

U.S. Representative JoAnn Emerson said, "Rural Development is a driving force in the development and investment in our rural Missouri communities. This project will greatly contribute to the quality of life, public safety, and economic infrastructure throughout the region. I'm grateful for their strong partnerships with our state and local leaders, and I appreciate the advocacy of our congressional delegation for the projects USDA Rural Development supports."

Westfall said, "The City of Bismarck provides essential services to citizens of Bismarck. The warning sirens will provide for improved safety services for Bismarck residents. These projects mirror USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that the community will benefit from the services of the City of Bismarck. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal dollars for funding these projects."



Pictured left to right: Dennis Mayberry, Mayor of Bismarck, Allen Williams, Administrative Assistant, Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Kevin Hinkebein, Area Specialist, Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director

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