

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$3,110 GRANT TO CITY OF CARTERVILLE FOR STORM WARNING SIREN

USDA Rural Development presented a Mock Check in the amount of \$3,110 to the City of Carterville on June 27, at the Webb City Mining Days Building. The grant funds will assist with the purchase of a storm warning siren benefiting the 800 households and local businesses in this Jasper County rural community. Mayor Dale Davenport accepted the grant on behalf of the city.

“The new sirens that have been purchased with this funding will improve the emergency warning system for the residents of Carterville,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “Where the federal government can help make people safer, we should and that is what has happened here today. I commend the local leadership and the USDA Rural Development staff for their dedication and hard work to make this project a reality.”



Picture: Left to Right: Jim Hembree, Rural Development Manager (Neosho Local Office); Stacy Burks, District Office Director for Senator Kit Bond; Dale Davenport, Mayor of City of Carterville; Greg Branum, Rural Development MO State Director; Debora Cornell; City Clerk of Carterville; Steve McIntosh, Field Representative for Congressman Roy Blunt; David Rauch, District Director for Senator Claire McCaskill

Mayor Dale Davenport expressed his appreciation, “Thanks to financial assistance from USDA, Rural Development, the City of Carterville is able to afford protection for its citizens from the number one threat in this area, which is severe weather. We are thankful for this type of funding which allows us to develop and strengthen the public safety of our community.”

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development said, “This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities.” Branum added, “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.”

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