

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS THE CITY OF HORNERSVILLE IN PURCHASING A POLICE VEHICLE

The City of Hornersville was presented with a mock check in the amount of \$10,312 on Thursday, May 29, 2008, from USDA Rural Development. The City was awarded the funding to assist in purchasing a reliable police vehicle for the Police Department.

U.S. Senator Kit Bond stated, "The new police car and equipment is crucial to the protection of Hornersville residents and the police officers who risk their lives to protect them. I commend the Hornersville community and the USDA Rural Development staff for their hard work in making this project a reality."



Pictured left to right: John Nunnery, Chief of Police; Phyllis Minner, Rural Development; Representative Terry Swinger; Ben Dyer, Senator McCaskill's Office; Tresa Webb, Rural Development; Pam Anglin, Rural Development; and Richard Mara, Mayor

"It's terrible to think that anywhere in Missouri police officers don't have access to top quality equipment," said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. "I'm pleased this federal funding will help the City of Hornersville provide better vehicles for the first responders who put their lives on the line to protect Missouri's families."

The City of Hornersville's Police Department consists of one full-time and two part-time officers to serve 686 residents within a 15-square mile service area. The current patrol vehicle that the department has access to is mostly inoperable and extremely costly to maintain. The officers have resorted to using their personal vehicles to patrol Hornersville due to the other vehicle either being in the shop or simply not working. With the funding provided by Rural Development, the Police Department has been able to obtain a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The patrol car has the basic police package with a communication system, thus ensuring the officers will be better able to respond in situations where police protection is needed.

"Hornersville has a great opportunity to acquire a new police cruiser with the assistance of USDA Rural Development. The first responders there work very hard to keep the community safe and well-policed. I am glad to congratulate them on this acquisition as they continue their good work on behalf of the people of Hornersville. This good program is the result of a lot of dedicated people who support the same enhancement of public safety in our rural communities, and I am grateful for all of their efforts," said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

The funding for the vehicle is provided through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) Program. In addition to police vehicles, the CF loan and grant program also provides funding to help rural communities finance essential community facilities, health services, and the purchase of equipment

which will provide vital services to rural residents. Some examples include financing an ambulance, warning sirens, fire-fighting equipment, jaws-of-life, rescue vehicle, 911 dispatch center, justice center, abuse center, public safety building, medical clinics and hospitals.

Mayor Richard Mara said, "The City of Hornersville Board of Alderman, its citizens, and I would like to thank Ms. Anglin and USDA Rural Development for their funding of this grant. Without this grant the City would have been unable to purchase a new car for our Police Department. We are greatly appreciative of the opportunity to put a new car in service in Hornersville and to retire our old vehicle. I would also like to offer personal thanks to Ms. Phyllis Minner and Ms. Tresia Webb for all of their assistance in applying for and securing this grant."

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to be able to furnish the funds for purchase of a police vehicle," said Morris Westfall, Missouri Rural Development State Director. "Dependable transportation for the City of Hornersville's law-enforcement personnel is important to the protection and safety of the residents."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested over \$76.8 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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