



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **NEW FIRE STATION BUILDING IN STANBERRY FUNDED BY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

A \$130,920 Mock Check was presented to the Stanberry Community Association, Inc. on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the future location of the new fire station building in Stanberry.

The new 50 by 80 foot fire station will have four parking bays for fire fighting vehicles along with restroom facilities and a meeting room area. The Stanberry Community Fire Protection District will utilize the new facility in providing fire protection services to the area. The building will be located at Main and Willow Streets in Stanberry. Terry Clark with Creal Clark & Seifert Architects/Engineers, Inc. located in St. Joseph is the architect for the project.

"I'm proud to have supported this project," said Congressman Graves. "I am thankful for the excellent working relationship my office has with USDA Rural Development team, and I look forward to our continued work in the future."

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development announced that the financing for the project was made possible by a \$102,730 loan and \$28,190 grant through USDA Rural Development's Community Facility Program. This program is available to finance essential facilities in rural areas. Branum pointed out that these kinds of programs mirror President Bush's initiatives and exemplify the Rural Development mission - committed to the future of rural communities."

Branum added that special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Sam Graves for making available federal monies for funding these types of projects that provide essential services for communities.



Left to right: Don Steinhauser (Firefighter), Rick McMillen (Firefighter), Steve Lockhart (Firefighter), Dan Phillips (Stanberry Community Association Board of Director), Steven L. Luke (Firefighter), Milton Pratt (Stanberry Community Association Board of Director), Steve Nickell (Stanberry Community Association Board of Director), Kevin Bentley (Firefighter), U.S. Representative Sam Graves, Jay Edson (Firefighter), Brad Lager (Missouri State Representative for District #4), Terry Schieber (Firefighter), Stan Wolfe (Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development at St. Joseph, MO), Emily Seifers (Field Representative for U.S. Senator Jim Talent), Louise Diender (Representing Jim Guest, Missouri State Representative for District #5), and Neal Miller (Area Director for USDA Rural Development at St. Joseph, MO)

By obtaining Rural Development financing, a fixed interest rate of 4.375% with a 30-year repayment term was secured for the loan. Grant funds through the Community Facility program are available to eligible public bodies and non-profit corporations to assist with the development of essential community facilities.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides funding and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contacting Stan L. Wolfe, at the St. Joseph Rural Development Area Office, 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or by calling (816) 364 - 3767 (extension #5).

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