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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$65,580 MOCK CHECK TO STEELVILLE AMBULANCE DISTRICT ASSISTANCE CORP.

Anita J. Dunning, the Missouri Acting State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented Georgia Mitchell, Board President, Steelville Ambulance District Assistance Corporation, with a \$65,580 Mock Check on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The funds will be used to purchase an ambulance with lettering, stretcher and radio.

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "A well-equipped ambulance is essential for saving lives and is especially important in rural areas. Federal aid through competitive grants and loans plays a big role in helping smaller communities have the resources they need to better serve their residents. I'm pleased to see this money going to Steelville."

U.S. Representative Hulshof said, "This is a good example of how the federal government can help ensure that rural emergency crews have the necessary tools to do the job. It is imperative that emergency crews in Steelville have the resources to carry out the many tasks they are asked to perform on our behalf. These Rural Development funds will help make that happen."

Georgia Mitchell said, "I want to thank USDA Rural Development for their assistance in purchasing a new ambulance. They help us continue our efforts to provide ambulance service not only to those living in our community, but to those passing through that might need our services."

Dunning, said "Financing essential equipment is consistent with Rural Development's mission and President Bush's commitment to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also 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."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Mary Lue Richard, Rural Development Manager, at the Rolla Local Office of USDA Rural Development at, 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401-3962 or by calling (573) 364-1479.



Pictured left to right: Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Rural Development; William Patt, Administrator of the Ambulance District; Cookey Lock, Treasurer of the Ambulance District; Loren Wilson, EMT, Public Relations; MaryLue Richard, Rural Development Manager; Tony Blue, Captain, Training Officer; Georgia Mitchell, President of the Board of Directors; Eric Chandler, EMT, Training Officer; Janie Dunning, Acting State Director, Rural Development; Michael "Tiny" Keen, Captain, Paramedic

“Committed to the future of rural communities.”

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