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## RURAL DEVELOPMENT HELPS FUND POLICE CAR CAMERA FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON

Janie Dunning, Missouri Rural Development State Director, announced a Community Facility Economic Impact Initiative Grant in the amount of \$2,290 to the City of Trenton. The announcement was made at a funding celebration held Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Trenton City Hall.

The grant funds are being used to supplement a \$1,885 contribution by the City for the purchase and equipment of a \$4,175 camera, with audio capability, for one of the City's police cars. A mock check representing the funding was presented to the City during the event.

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said, "In times of need and emergency, it is important those who protect us have access to the best equipment available. I am pleased this federal funding will allow the city of Trenton to purchase and install a patrol car video camera to further assist officers with their patrols and law enforcement duties."

U.S. Representative Sam Graves said, "This grant will help bring the latest in technology to our law enforcement officers here in Trenton. I'm delighted that the USDA recognizes the importance of helping our rural communities prepare for tomorrow."

Rural Development worked with Kerry Sampson, Trenton City Administrator and Police Chief Bob Lewis in the application phase of funding for the project. The camera will be installed in one of the City's four police cars.

"Rural Development is pleased to be able to help provide the City with the essential video equipment," said Dunning, "The equipment will help protect both the City and the public during police stops."

The grant funds originated from Rural Development's Community Facility Grant program. The community facility grants provide funding for essential public improvements to public bodies and non-profit corporations with substantial ties to the local community.



Celebrating funding of a CF Grant in the amount of \$2,290 for purchase of a police car camera unit for the City of Trenton were (left to right): Kerry Sampson, Trenton City Administrator; Neal Miller, Rural Development Area Director; Janie Dunning, Missouri Rural Development Director; Bob Lewis, Trenton Police Chief; Cathie Smith, Trenton Mayor; Brook Balentine, Field Representative for U.S. Representative Claire MCCaskill; Dave Clarkson, Rural Development Area Specialist, Chillicothe.

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