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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE ANSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANSON, TEXAS, February 17, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the Anson Volunteer Fire Department was selected to receive a \$30,000 grant through the agency's Community Facilities program. The funds will be used to purchase pagers, radios and a large water supply hose.

"This grant will allow the fire department to upgrade their equipment and continue to protect and serve the City of Anson," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing funds for rural towns and counties to enhance the public safety of their citizens."

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs administers telecommunication, distance learning, community facilities and water and waste disposal programs. In Fiscal Year 2004, \$13 million in loans and grants was awarded to assist 228,034 rural Texans.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 with a mission to use the resources of USDA to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene office at (325) 690-6162, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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