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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR BRAZOS COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

BRYAN, TEXAS, June 9, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced that Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD has been selected to receive \$155,000, and Brazos County Precinct 4 VFD has been selected to receive \$35,000, through the agency's Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program. Funding will assist in the purchase of a Pumper truck, a 1-ton truck and radio equipment to serve the area's more than 11,000 residents.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be part of such an important investment for the residents of Brazos County," said Daniel. "This funding will provide the residents of Brazos County with an increased sense of security because they know they will be receiving the best possible emergency response services."

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's Community Programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 840,000 rural residents in the process.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance and programs that help rural Texans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Bryan office at (979) 846-0548, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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