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MOUND CITY RECEIVES USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR WARNING SYSTEM

Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented \$13,200 to the City of Mound City in a Mock Check Ceremony on October 29, 2009.

The grant funds will be used to supplement \$10,800 provided by the City of Mound City to finance the purchase and installation of a new outdoor early warning siren system. The city's current warning system is not considered adequate and dependable to alert citizens in the case of an emergency. This funding will allow the city to have a reliable warning system.

The \$13,200 in grant funds was made through USDA Rural Development's Community Facility Program. This program is available to finance essential facilities in rural areas.

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said, "It is vital citizens are always prepared for the unexpected when it comes to natural disasters. I am happy to announce these federal funds will allow Mound City to purchase and install an outdoor warning siren to help with the safety and security of its residents."

U.S. Congressman Sam Graves said, "In Missouri, we must always be prepared for the changing weather. This grant ensures that the residents of Mound City will receive adequate notification in the event of severe weather."

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



Pictured left to right: Josh Hurlburt, Field Representative for U.S. Congressman Sam Graves, Jeremy Brady, Rural Development Area Specialist, Stan Seitz, Mound City Alderman, Neal Miller, Rural Development Area Director, Duane A. Nauman, Mound City Alderman, Bob Heck, Mound City Alderman, Janie Dunning, Rural Development State Director, Jim Krueger, Mound City Alderman, Brooke Balentine, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill, John Panning, Mound City Chief of Police, and Patsy Smith, City Clerk for Mound City

appreciation is 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 Jeremy Brady, Area Specialist, at the Maryville office of USDA Rural Development at 502 W. South Hills Drive, Suite 103, Maryville, Missouri 64468 or by calling 660-582-7421 (extension 4). **“Committed to the future of rural communities.”**

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