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Deer Creek Fire Department Receives Rescue Tools

DEER CREEK, IL November 21, 2007 – The Deer Creek Fire Protection District has received a new set of hydraulic rescue tools and lifting jacks. These tools are used to extricate patients trapped in automobile accidents and for other rescue operations. The equipment was purchased with funds awarded from the Illinois Small Equipment Grant Program, which is a competitive grant program administered through the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office.

According to department personnel, the new tools will allow the department to respond more effectively to motor vehicle accidents and other emergencies throughout the district. Before receiving this grant, the department did not have any powered rescue tools, and had to rely on neighboring departments if they were needed for an incident. By being able to start rescue operations immediately upon arriving on scene, department personnel will be able to more quickly remove trapped patients for transport to hospitals.

The tools, which are valued at over \$18,000, were purchased from Municipal Emergency Services in Washington, IL.

The Deer Creek Fire Department is an all-volunteer fire department that provides fire protection and EMS first response services to the Village of Deer Creek and surrounding portions of Tazewell and Woodford counties. For more information, visit www.deercreekfire.org on the web.

