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### **Deer Creek Fire Department Gets New Truck**

DEER CREEK, IL March 24, 2008 – The Deer Creek Fire Protection District has taken delivery of a new tanker truck courtesy of FEMA. This truck will replace a thirty-year old truck that had been having numerous mechanical problems.

According to department personnel, the new truck will greatly increase the department's ability to supply water to rural fires where there are no hydrants. The new 3000-gallon tanker hauls more water and is safer to operate than the previous truck, since it incorporates modern safety features and is compliant with National Fire Protection Association vehicle standards.

The new truck was purchased with funds obtained through the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant (AFG) program, which is administered by FEMA. Nationally, the AFG awards, which are distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$490 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country. The Deer Creek Fire Department received over \$170,000 for the new truck through the AFG program, in addition to a 5% local cost-sharing requirement.

Since 2004, AFG has provided almost \$32.13 billion in grants to fire departments and first responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal protective equipment, vehicles and fire prevention activities. AFG is administered cooperatively by two FEMA components: the National Preparedness Directorate and the United States Fire Administration.

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](http://www.deercreekfire.org) on the web.

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