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DOE's Excess Property Donation Protects Lives, Property and the Environment

AIKEN, SC - The recent purchase of new fire engines at Savannah River Site resulted in the availability of two excess fire trucks under the SRS Community Reuse Organization's (SRS CRO) Asset Transition Program.

The primary goal of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Asset Transition Program is to utilize excess personal property derived from the Savannah River Site to enhance economic development and job opportunities within a five-county region surrounding the Site. In addition to job creation, assets may also be used to improve the "quality of life" of area residents. Such is the case in the fire truck donation.

"This is the type of quality of life service we like to provide," David Jameson, Chair of the SRS Community Reuse Organization, said. "In this case, residents in a whole county may benefit not only from the use of the fire truck in emergency situations but also receive lower insurance premiums."

These excess fire trucks were made available during a 30-day period only to local fire departments with up-to-date and executable mutual aid agreements with the SRS Fire Department. For this restricted property posting, SRS CRO has waived all transportation, storage, or other related costs for the requested items.

Dr. David Moody, DOE Manager for the Savannah River Operations Office, said. "We are extremely pleased to provide this equipment, through the Asset Transition Program, to benefit the taxpayers who provided the funds to purchase the truck years ago. It will assist the Allendale County Fire & Rescue to meet the needs of its citizens."

Based upon the most demonstrated need per the information supplied to the SRS CRO, the Allendale County Fire & Rescue was selected to receive one of these trucks. The

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fire department intends to use the donated truck to benefit the entire county of Allendale by lowering the current Insurance Service Office rating for its citizens. The requested property will be an addition to the existing fleet and would serve multiple substations being established in the outer limits of the county. The goal is to place the requested property in one of these locations so that this new apparatus would be available for use in fire suppression to an area that does not currently have such equipment

“The requested fire truck will provide a new service to serve multiple substations being established in the outer limits of the county,” stated Allendale County Fire Chief Rodney Stanley. “This equipment will provide fire suppression services for structure fires, vehicle fires, and brush fires as well as response to vehicle accidents requiring extrication services in areas that are not currently within a five mile radius of an existing station”. Stanley also said “It will be used to better protect lives, property, and the environment to the rural areas of Allendale County.

Additional information on the Department of Energy’s Office of Environmental Management and the Savannah River Site can be found at <http://www.em.doe.gov> or <http://www.srs.gov>.

As the U.S. Department of Energy’s designated Community Reuse Organization (CRO), the SRS CRO is a 501(C)(3) private non-profit organization and is governed by a 22-member Board of Directors composed of business, government and academic leaders from Georgia and South Carolina. The mission of the SRS CRO is to facilitate economic development opportunities associated with Savannah River Site technology, capabilities and missions and to serve as an informed, unified community voice for the five-county, two-state region. These counties are Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell in South Carolina and Richmond (Augusta) and Columbia in Georgia.

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Dr. David Moody, DOE's Savannah River Operations Office Manager, congratulates Allendale County Fire Chief Rodney Stanley on the delivery of a retired SRS fire truck at an event this morning in Allendale, SC.



Rob Still, SRS Fire Chief, symbolically presents a set of keys to Allendale County Fire Chief Rodney Stanley for the retired SRS fire truck delivered this morning in Allendale, SC.