

SUPPORT FOR FIRST RESPONDER

Outline Of Need: *Located in Western Maryland, the Cresaptown Fire Station was constructed in 1935, with an addition to the building in 1986. Fire companies in Western Maryland, just like Cresaptown, are staffed by volunteer firefighters. The building has deteriorated due to flooding and age and is no longer able to house and support the weight of the fire equipment.*

How Rural Development Helped: *USDA Rural Development is supporting the construction of the new Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Station through two loan programs. A \$3.5 million loan through the community facility direct loan program, and First United Bank & Trust is providing \$1 million with the support of Rural Development's community facilities guaranteed loan program. The guaranteed loan program reduces the risk that private lenders take in the event that a borrower defaults on the loan.*

The Results: *The new 31,000 square-foot fire station is expected to be completed in early 2009 and will provide the ability to house crews around the clock, serve as an evacuation center in times of disaster, and provide space for meeting and other services for the community.*



Fire Station under construction – April 2008.