

Wyse Fork EMS – Once a Dream.... Now a Reality.... Thanks to USDA, Rural Development

Outline of Need:

The Wyse Fork EMS of Jones County, North Carolina had no station from which to operate their much needed EMS services. Once, while attempting to respond to a rescue call, their only rescue vehicle got stuck in the mud at the residence of one of the local volunteers, where the vehicle was being stored. They desperately needed a station in which to operate and store their rescue vehicles and equipment.

How RD Helped:

Wyse Fork EMS is a rural EMS with very limited income. Due to their financial constraints, USDA, Rural Development was able to assist this department by extending financial assistance using the Community Facilities Program.

In 2003, Wyse Fork EMS a grant was awarded a grant to help equip their first rescue vehicle. In 2005 they received a loan and grant to construct a desperately needed two bay station, for housing their equipment, a meeting room and restroom. In March 2008, Rural Development issued a loan of \$9,400. and grant for \$3050., partnered with a State grant of \$8100 to upgrade the station by adding a men's bathroom, kitchen walls, cabinets, and a handicap parking pad.

The Results:

The Wyse Fork EMS of Jones County, with the benefits of Rural Development's grants and low interest loans with long term financing, was able to construct a facility from which to operate, making what was once a long time dream into a reality. The new facility also provides for meeting and training space, the kitchen is by the volunteers and for fund raising activities. With the availability of the station, the volunteer EMS staff is able to provide better services with shorter response times as they respond to emergencies in their community.



Wyse Fork EMS Bay Kitchen



Wyse Fork EMS Bay

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