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Lake Meredith NRA & Alibates Flint Quarries NM Fire Management: Rural Fire Assistance



Through the Department of the Interior Rural Fire Assistance Program, the Fritch Volunteer Fire Department, Dumas Volunteer Fire Department, and Potter County Volunteer Fire Department are recipients of \$3,000, \$7,000, and \$9000 grants, respectively, to enhance the fire protection capabilities of Rural Fire Departments (RFD).

Lake Meredith Fire Management Officer Michael Davin wrote the successful grant applications and the money will be used to purchase personal protective clothing, fire fighting equipment, and fire shelters for wildland firefighting for the RFD's. "This program provides funds to rural fire departments to purchase equipment that is compatible with National Park Service equipment and upgrade existing equipment and replace personal protective gear. In return, the park benefits from their assistance and professional expertise when needed," said Superintendent Karren Brown.

Photos from left: National Park Service Fire Management Officer Mike Davin presents a check to Dumas Fire Chief Paul Jenkins from the Department of the Interior's Rural Fire Assistance Program.

Center: National Park Service Fire Management Officer Mike Davin presents a check to Potter County Fire Department from the Department of the Interior's Rural Fire Assistance Program. Pictured left to right are: Jose Gonzales, Assistant Fire Chief; Mike Davin National Park Service Fire Management Officer; Richard Lake, Fire Chief; Pat Fitzpatrick, Assistant Fire Chief.

Right: National Park Service Fire Management Officer Mike Davin presents a check to Fritch Volunteer Fire Chief Calvin Nickell from the Department of the Interior's Rural Fire Assistance Program.