

Guadalupe Mountains NP Provides Assistance Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas National Fire Plan – Community Assistance

While visiting the Dell City Volunteer Fire Department in May 2005, Guadalupe Mountains National Park Superintendent John Lujan took a moment to leave a little something behind — \$15,000 in rural fire assistance for the department.

Assistant Fire Chief Alana Wright accepted the check on behalf of the Dell City Fire Department. The funds will be used to purchase personal protective equipment and additional wildland fire suppression equipment for the department's fire station.



Guadalupe Mountains National Park Superintendent John Lujan provides a check for \$15,000 to Dell City's Assistant Fire Chief Alana Wright at the city's fire station in Dell City, Texas.

“We are pleased to be able to support the efforts of the Dell City Fire Department,” said John Lujan, Park Superintendent. “Firefighter safety is our No. 1 priority, and this funding will greatly enhance the safety of all firefighters that work in and around our park.”

“We have been working hard to equip our firefighters and wildland fire engines to meet national standards,” said Dell City Assistant Fire Chief Alana Wright. “With this support, we have purchased the firefighter safety and suppression equipment necessary to meet the national wildland fire engine requirements and have full compatibility with our cooperators such as the National Park. Having the same equipment and training as our neighbors is critical to success in wildland fire suppression in our area.”

The NPS has helped its local partners through the Rural Fire Assistance program since the National Fire Plan funding of 2001. In Fiscal Year 2005, the National Park Service Intermountain Region distributed \$443,500 to help neighboring rural fire departments.

This is the first Rural Fire Assistance Grant that Dell City Volunteer Fire Department has received

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