



# Hot Spots

Ringgold Area Volunteer  
Fire Company  
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**Dial 911**

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## Fire Truck Grants

The Ringgold Area Volunteer Fire Company has received grants of \$207,500 from both state and federal agencies to replace their primary response vehicle. In April 2005, they were notified that their grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development was approved for \$69,000. State Representative Sam Smith visited the company in June to present funds (see photo).

In August, the fire company was awarded \$9,500 from the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commission for the project. Finally, on August 19, the company got a call from U.S. Representative Peterson's office informing them that their grant request to the federal Department of Homeland Security was approved for \$129,000.

"It's been a long struggle", said Chief Clifford "Buzz" Reed. "We've been working on the truck replacement project for more than 5 years. Our current truck is more than 30 years old and has had a lot of mechanical problems recently. The new truck will bring us up to date with current standards."



State Representative Smith presents a check to President Geis during a recent visit.

"We will triple our pumping capacity and double our water load." President Bob Geis said, "We were pursuing every avenue possible, but it's almost impossible for a small fire company to raise \$250,000. The grants made it happen with out a lot of debt."

Through the aquisition of these grants we can update our capabilities to current standards while reducing the burden on the fire company and the community. We can now focus on equipping the truck with the best available hardware to assure the highest level of safety and effectiveness.

## Rentals

Our facilities are available for rental. Call us for your next family reunion or get together. The 2005 rental fees are:

**Gym** - \$20/hour  
(Contact Bob Geis at 365-2133)

**Meeting Room** - \$60/day  
(with kitchen use)

OR

**Shelter** - \$50/day  
(Contact Harry or Shirley Caylor at 365-5979)



Child friendly playgrounds make our facilities one of the nicest in the area.