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**Less water required to fight fires with new system
made possible by a \$42,000 Andeavor grant**

Mandan, N.D. – Morton County Emergency Management has received a \$42,000 grant from the Andeavor Foundation in support of the Mandan Rural Fire Department Grass Firefighting Unit.

The funds allow Mandan Rural Fire to upgrade its pumping system to compressed air foam which allows firefighters to extinguish fires with much less water and effort than with water alone.

“Within most of our fire district we have to haul the water to the scene, so anything that makes us more efficient is a huge asset for protecting the residents of the Mandan Rural Fire District,” said Mandan Rural Fire Chief Lynn Gustin.

In appreciation for Mandan Rural Fire’s service, Andeavor will present the check at a ceremony at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 13 at the Mandan Rural Fire Station at 3014 34th St NW in Mandan.

“Andeavor and the Andeavor Foundation are committed to collaborating with our stakeholders to create cleaner, safer, well-educated communities where we operate,” said Ron Day, Andeavor Government and Public Affairs Manager. “We are proud to support the Morton County Emergency Management organization and its mission to conduct planning, coordination, communications and operations for the safety and security for all citizens of Morton County.”

“We are very grateful for this generous grant as we seek to support Mandan Rural Fire,” said Tom Doering, Morton County Emergency Manager. “The key is the rural volunteers who protect lives and facilities in an emergency and this monetary gift will certainly help provide tools that make a difference in the rural communities we serve.”

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