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**BLACK HILLS ENERGY DONATES \$500
TO FREDERICKSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT**

FREDERICKSBURG, Iowa, March 8, 2010 – Black Hills Energy has contributed \$500 to the Fredericksburg Fire Department, which will go towards the purchase of a hydraulic rescue tool. Operated by a hydraulic pump, this type of rescue tool is used to remove victims from crashed vehicles and collapsed concrete or steel structures.

“The Fredericksburg Fire Department is a vital community service, and we support their efforts and the volunteers who give their free time to protect and serve the community,” said Sandy Koenig, operations supervisor for Black Hills Energy in Decorah.

“We’re very excited to receive the contribution from Black Hills Energy,” said Ray Armbrecht, fire chief for the Fredericksburg Fire Department. “It’s very important that we have safe and reliable equipment, and contributions from businesses like Black Hills Energy make it possible for us to purchase the tools we need so that we can continue to deliver top-notch services.”

To learn more about the Fredericksburg Fire Department, or to make a tax-free contribution to support its efforts, contact Fire Chief Ray Armbrecht at 641-330-3198 or fburgch@iowatelecom.net.

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