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Gem Rural Fire Association

Gem Rural Fire Association has a small volunteer fire department consisting of 16 volunteers with a rescue truck and pumper truck. The morning of September 19, 2008 the Gem Rural Fire Association responded to a structure fire. The structure fire involved a 42'x72' wooden arch rib quonset with a tin roof.

The first to arrive on the scene was Fire Chief Les Douglass pulling the Just In Case Fire Caddy with a 250 gallon water tank with foam injection system. Upon arrival at the scene, the shop was fully evolved. Chief Douglass proceeded to use the fire caddy to cool the house which was located approximately 50' from the burning quonset. At that time, as illustrated by the attached picture, the vinyl siding began to curl from the heat. The house was foamed for approximately 17 minutes before the pumper truck arrived on scene from the fire hall located 15 miles from the site of the fire.

Upon arrival the fire caddy was refilled and continued to be used to cool the house. We believe that if not for the fire caddy, the garage would have started on fire and consumed the house. In the following pictures you can see there is nothing left of the shop.

The Gem Rural Fire Association has two fire caddies, one located in the north end of the district and one located in the south. Our fire division is roughly 11 townships. The fire caddies have proven to be invaluable with quick response times and able to prevent fires from doing more damage before the pumper unit can get to location from the fire hall located in the center of our division. Most of our fires are prairie grass fires and the trailer mounted fire caddies are well suited and agile in the fighting of this type of fire.

On September 27, 2008 the Just In Case Fire Caddy was again on scene for a prairie grass fire located in the local community pasture. With limited manpower, the fire association was again able to contain the fire utilizing the fire caddy on scene. Once over with the foam just seems to work and then we don't need to go back.

Les Douglass  
Fire Chief, Gem Rural Fire Association

