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USSTC Operation Ranger
6 High Ridge Park, Building A
Stamford, CT 06905

Dear Operation Ranger Committee members,

As the Chief of the West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department (WRCVFD) in Rockwood, Tennessee (Roane County), I am writing to the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company to seek funding support in the form of a Polaris utility vehicle from your Operation Ranger Program.

The West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1993 to provide First Responder and fire protection services to this outlying district in addition to promoting community safety through education. WRCVFD is an IRS-recognized 501 (c)(3) all-volunteer membership organization.

Right now, much of the 53.3 square miles of East Tennessee under WRCVFD's care is inaccessible to emergency responders except by foot. The many hauling and off-road advantages of the Polaris would greatly assist WRCVFD's emergency responder efforts to save lives and property during search, rescue, and firefighting service calls in this forested yet strategic district of ridges and streams.

Operation Ranger's mission to provide a versatile, practical vehicle that will enhance emergency response capability at the community level and WRCVFD's mission to provide First Responder and fire protection service are a perfect fit. Your much-needed donation will help the department to continue and improve local First Responder and fire protection for years to come.

Outstanding corporate support, such as USSTC's Operation Ranger, in partnership with the efforts of dedicated community volunteers, makes our rural United States stronger and safer, a very special place to live.

Thank you so much in advance for your consideration. Of course feel free to call or write.

Sincerely,

Chief Charlie Redwine
West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department (www.westroane.com)

Enclosure