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DOWNS, Kan. - Midway Coop and Land O'Lakes are continuing their investment in north central Kansas communities with a combined \$4,000 contribution to the Downs Fire Department, a volunteer department serving the City of Downs and the rural area of Osborne County Fire District #4.

Midway Coop donated \$2,000 to the department, which was matched dollar-for-dollar through the Land O'Lakes Member Coop Match Program, doubling the impact of the contribution.

Dawson Johnson, Midway Coop Downs Elevator Branch Manager, recently presented the donation to Joel Hardy, Downs Assistant Fire Chief. "Volunteer firefighters stand ready to respond whenever their communities need them - protecting families, farms, businesses, and neighbors throughout north central Kansas," said Craig Mans, General Manager of Midway Coop. "We are grateful for their commitment and honored to support the important work they do every day."

Volunteer fire departments play an important role throughout rural Kansas, where members give their time to respond to fires, accidents, and other emergencies in their communities. The Downs Fire Department provides this vital service to residents of Downs as well as those living throughout its surrounding rural response area.

The contribution is part of Midway Coop's ongoing commitment to supporting the communities it serves. Through the Land O'Lakes Member Co-op Match Program, Midway's \$2,000 donation was matched with an additional \$2,000, resulting in a total community investment of \$4,000 for the Downs Fire Department.



Pictured (left to right): Dawson Johnson, Midway Coop Downs Elevator Branch Manager, presents a \$2,000 donation to Joel Hardy, Downs Assistant Fire Chief. The

donation was matched through the Land O'Lakes Member Coop Match Program, resulting in a total \$4,000 contribution to the Downs Fire Department.