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From left to right are Lisa Kenimer, Glen Roark, Ford Fire Chief Alvin Langley, Dinwiddie Division Chief Dennis Hale, and Becky Harris.

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## Press Release

On July 10, 2007, Gerdau Ameristeel announced that it had reached an agreement to acquire Chaparral Steel, the second largest producer of structural steel products in North America. Chaparral operates two mini-mills, one located in Midlothian, Texas, and the other located in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. Chaparral employs approximately 1,400 employees and has an annual installed capacity of 2.8 million tons. The combined companies now become the second largest structural steel producer in North America.

Even though there has been a change of hands, our local company still finds the ability to give back to the community. Recently Gerdau Ameristeel donated \$ 1000 to the Ford Volunteer Fire Department building fund. According to Fire Chief Alvin Langley, they have about \$ 7000 dollars so far towards their goal of 30 to 40 thousand for additional furnishings for the new addition. They anticipate purchasing turnout gear washer and dryer, office furniture, bedding, kitchen items, etc., that aren't part of the construction budget. Donations are always welcome and can be sent to the Ford VFD at 13402 Cox Rd, Church Road, Virginia, 23833.

We would especially like to thank the representatives in the above photo for their active participation to help our local fire department. Any other questions or comments are always welcome by calling the Dinwiddie Fire & EMS at 804-469-5388.