



GREENSBURG KANSAS REBUILDS



The residents of Kansas are known for their self-reliance and resilient character. Since May 4, 2007, these attributes have been put to the test when an F5 tornado struck Greensburg, Kansas, destroying this rural community. Not many of us can imagine having our home or neighborhood destroyed. Sadly the residents of Greensburg have the unfortunate distinction of being the community that was struck by one of the most destructive tornadoes in history. As first responders were busy saving lives within minutes of the storm's passage, the enormous task of rebuilding an entire town was looming.

To reestablish a water system, many items are needed. Pipe, valves, hydrants, saddles, water main restraints, and meter setters are among the items needed for this project. Numerous manufacturers around the country are working to help Greensburg rebuild; Ford Meter Box is honored to be a part of that group.

Many stories can be told about the rebuilding of Greensburg, and here is one with a Ford connection. Ford Meter Box received an urgent phone call after regular office hours and was informed that Greensburg, Kansas, was in need of saddles for emergency water lines. With the combined communication efforts of the contractor, distributor and Ford salesman, our second shift supervisors readied the material. A trucking company was notified and dispatched a truck for a rare evening pickup; within a few hours the saddles were on the way to Greensburg.

As we grieve with the people of Greensburg who lost so much during this disaster, we celebrate in the confidence that Greensburg will rebuild better than ever.



Within days of the disaster, a Ford Meter Box semi, loaded with water distribution products, arrived in Greensburg, Kansas.



Brad Olson works on one of the hundreds of Coppersettlers that were expedited and shipped to Greensburg.



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