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District Receives Drinking Water from Anheuser-Busch and National Volunteer Fire Council

WARRENSBURG, MO – The Johnson County Fire Protection District has received a donation of emergency drinking water from Anheuser-Busch to help keep its firefighters hydrated during wildfire response efforts this season. The donation, made in partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), will provide critical hydration to first responders working long hours in extreme conditions.

On Monday, 2,352 cans of water were delivered by County Distributing Co Inc, Anheuser-Busch's local wholesaler partner. The donation will help ensure firefighters have access to clean drinking water while responding to wildfires and other emergencies where proper hydration is essential for safety and performance.

"We're incredibly grateful to Anheuser-Busch and the National Volunteer Fire Council for this generous donation," said Fire Chief Larry Jennings. "Proper hydration is absolutely critical for our crews, especially during wildfire response in the summer heat. This support directly helps us keep our firefighters safe and ready to serve our community."

Anheuser-Busch has a longstanding tradition of supporting communities during times of disaster by pausing beer production each year to produce emergency drinking water. In 2025, the company surpassed 100 million cans produced for disaster relief efforts since the program began in 1988. In 2019, Anheuser-Busch expanded this commitment through a partnership with the NVFC to support volunteer fire departments nationwide, providing over 10 million cans of water to more than 3,100 departments across nearly all 50 states.

Learn more about the program at www.nvfc.org/water. More information about the Johnson County Fire Protection District can be found online at www.jcfpd.net or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/johnsoncountyfpd.

The National Volunteer Fire Council contributed to this release.

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