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Eastside Volunteer Fire Department receives fire and rescue equipment

MOUNT ENTERPRISE, Texas — The Eastside Volunteer Fire Department of Rusk County received a \$18,000 grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. This grant was used to purchase fire and rescue equipment.

The departments new rescue tool kit will help stabilize vehicles when extrication is needed.

The departments previous set will still be used, but the new one will provide equipment that is more suitable for larger vehicles. The two sets will also allow the department to have additional capabilities on emergency scenes.

As a member agency of the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M Forest Service administers the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program and is committed to protecting lives, property and natural resources. The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is funded by the Texas Legislature and provides cost-share funding to rural volunteer fire departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

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