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Dimmitt VFD receives \$15,000 grant to enhance rescue capabilities

Feb. 18, 2016 — DIMMITT, Texas — A \$15,000 grant through Texas A&M Forest Service will make a big difference to the community of Dimmitt.

The Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department now has reliable, updated equipment to use during emergency response in their service area.

“We are replacing older equipment with stronger rescue tools,” said Dimmitt VFD Fire Chief Randy Griffitt. “It was difficult for the older tools to cut through the stronger metal made for newer vehicles; the updated tools provide a higher pressure that cuts right through that type of metal.”

The stronger rescue tools can perform a variety of duties.

“The newer tools will be used for automobile extrications but they can also be used when we have to respond to building or farm equipment entrapments,” Griffitt said.

While serving under Texas A&M AgriLife, Texas A&M Forest Service works with fire service throughout the state to minimize the loss of life and property in response to wildfires and other all-hazard emergencies. This year Texas A&M Forest Service will award approximately \$24.3 million in grants to volunteer fire departments for the purchase of equipment and training.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

