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### Forcible entry training with a realistic experience now accessible to Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department

LAMPASAS, Texas – Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department added a forcible entry door to their training tools thanks to a grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

“This new training aid will allow our department to simulate any type of door,” said Lampasas VFD Fire Chief Jeff Smith. “The difficulty of the entry can be adjusted for the type of tools in use and the type of door, either commercial or residential.”

Fire Chief Smith will be making the training available to departments in the region.

“Knowing how to use firefighting tools properly in a rural or city setting is extremely important to a quick entry that could be lifesaving,” said Smith “We will be offering regional access to this training tool.”

Hands on training is important.

“Forcible entry requires discipline, skill and training and this practice door will help Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department members refresh technique and gain knowledge for proper forcible entry,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator, Matthew Schlaefer.

Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department has been serving their community since 1880 and has open enrollment to anyone that has a heart for serving. The department offers training for those interested. To apply please call Fire Chief Smith at (512) 556-2304 or email him at [firechief@cityoflampasas.com](mailto:firechief@cityoflampasas.com).

Local support is valued.

“Our department appreciates the support of the community and is grateful for their monetary backing that helps to meet the operational costs of the department and also for the grant programs through Texas A&M Forest Service that encourage training and helps provide training aids essential for advanced and safer fire service.” said Smith.

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to protecting lives, property and natural resources through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a cost share program funded by Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides 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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