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Seale-Round Prairie VFD acquires new rescue equipment

THORNTON, Texas — Seale-Round Prairie Volunteer Fire Department received an \$18,300 cost share grant through the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The grant helped the department purchase rescue tools.

“The new electric Jaws of Life tools are an addition to our rescue operations,” said Fire Chief Eddie Willis. “Since the new tools are lighter and stronger than the tools we were utilizing and they will help to expedite our ability to extricate victims from vehicle crashes.”

The rescue system is designed to handle the advanced high strength steel in the newer vehicles. The upgrade in equipment has the potential to increase the department’s capacity to save lives.

“Volunteer firefighters play a large and prominent role in their communities and they are doing so without many of the resources available to larger agencies,” said Texas A&M Forest Service RFC Justin Graf. “This department works tirelessly to serve their community and is extremely dedicated to service. I am glad to see them receive the rescue tools grant.”

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to protecting lives and property 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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