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Beach City Volunteer Fire Department expands rescue capabilities

BEACH CITY, Texas – The Beach City Volunteer Fire Department used a \$20,000 grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Departments Assistance Program to purchase much-needed fire/rescue equipment such as thermal imaging cameras, rescue tools and other firefighting accessories.

The equipment will help protect firefighters, assist with extrications and expand capabilities for the department and other firefighting agencies in Chambers County.

Fire Chief Patrick McDonald stressed how the new items will complement older equipment still in use, expanding the department's capabilities to better serve the community.

Beach City VFD is looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the department can email chief@beachcityvfd.com for more information.

McDonald said the department would like to thank the Texas A&M Forest Service, community members, and city and county officials for their support.

Texas A&M Forest Service is an agency operating within the Texas A&M University System and as the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administrator 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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