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### **Roby VFD adds to rescue equipment thanks to grant from Texas A&M Forest Service**

**ROBY, Texas** — Roby Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$15,000 grant for rescue equipment through Texas A&M Forest Service’s Rural VFD Assistance Program.

“Our department was in need of rescue equipment to expand our ability to perform tasks such as extrications safely,” Fire Chief James Terry Said.

The new equipment will serve as an addition to equipment the department. According to Terry, their rescue equipment has been used six times thus far this year.

“People may not realize it, but rescue equipment can be used in many different contexts,” Terry said. “We most notably use them in automobile accidents among other emergency situations.”

Serving 900 square miles of land, protecting themselves and others in dangerous situations is vital to the Roby Volunteer Fire Department.

In Texas, more than 85 percent of fire departments are entirely or primarily run through the goodwill of volunteers. TFS grants upwards of \$12.8 million to volunteer fire departments spanning the state each year, assisting them in the securing of new and up-to-date equipment to enhance their capability to protect lives and property.

“I think TFS’s Rural VFD Assistance Program is great,” Terry said. “Without it our department would not be able to acquire the equipment we need as quickly as required.”

To learn more about this program visit [texasfd.com](http://texasfd.com).

### **Rescue Equipment**

