

Jasper VFD receives grant for new thermal imaging camera

JASPER, Texas – Jasper Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased a new thermal imaging camera with funds from a grant provided by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“The camera itself will be used to find hidden hot spots in walls, ceiling, or attics,” Jasper Fire Chief Shawn Denovich said. “It can also be used during search and rescue.”

The camera is useful in detecting problems before they become crises, such as measuring infrared radiation in the environment.

The VFD receives much of its funds from the two districts it straddles, as well as fundraisers; however, because of the high cost of the item the department sought help from TFS.

“We love the program TFS provides, and try to use it often to fill shortfalls in our budget,” Denovich said. “The camera is a needed piece of equipment and it will be filling a gap that we’ve had in our operations for quite a while now.”

The Texas A&M Forest Service passes approximately \$12.8 million along to volunteer fire departments across the state every year, helping them purchase equipment to better protect lives and property.

“Any time we help the fire departments out with grants it benefits them because their funds are so limited,” said Regional Fire Coordinator Ricky Holbrook.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

