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Dublin VFD increases capacity with new rescue equipment

May 16, 2016 — DUBLIN, Texas —Dublin Volunteer Fire Department received a \$15,000 grant through Texas A&M Forest Service’s Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The grant was used to purchase new rescue and safety equipment.

“This equipment is new to our department. We received a variety of rescue equipment but we also received safety gear to help with traffic control when on an incident,” Dublin VFD Chief Paul Warner said. “Safety of our department members is very important, we want everyone to go home after being called to an emergency.”

In addition to safety equipment, the department also purchased a portable foam system which can be used on structure fires, grass fires or any type fire where you need fuel suppression. The foam cools the fire and coats the fuel to keep it from contact with oxygen.

“Another first for us is a thermal imaging camera. We will use it to locate hot spots in structure fires, railroad tanker cars or trucks or to find bad breakers in a breaker box,” Warner Said.

Thermal imaging cameras allow firefighters to see areas of heat in low visibility conditions such as darkness or through smoke. It is also useful when searching for individuals outside of fire situations, such as car wrecks or missing person searches.

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 the Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides funding to rural VFDs for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

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