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**Ferris Fire Department receives fire and rescue equipment from Texas A&M Forest Service**

FERRIS, Texas — Ferris Fire Department received a \$20,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The grant was used to purchase an Artic Compressor that will be used to fill Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles.

The department has struggled with the lag time between SCBA bottle refills and relied on other fire departments as a fill resource. SCBA's are vital during fire emergencies and Ferris Fire Department is now able to ensure that all members are equipped and safe during responses.

“The process to get the grant was painless, and the communication between us and Texas A&M Forest Service was excellent,” said Brian Horton, Ferris Fire Department Fire Chief. “We are very appreciative for the equipment we have received through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.”

Ferris Fire Department is looking for new members to join the department. Interested parties can call (972) 544-2225 for information.

As a member agency of the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M Forest Service administers the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program and 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.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, visit [texasfd.com](http://texasfd.com).

