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Covington Volunteer Fire Department receives upgraded fire and rescue equipment

COVINGTON, Texas — Covington Volunteer Fire Department of Hill County, received an \$18,000 grant through the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The grant was used to purchase rescue tools.

The cutter and spreader the department bought will be used at emergency scenes where extrication is needed.

The new equipment replaces older extrication equipment. This will allow the department to better serve its community.

Covington Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Brian Williams with Advanced Resource Systems for assisting the department with buying new equipment. "He was a tremendous help, and we are grateful for the knowledge he provided," said Brad Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief.

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.

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