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Briggs VFD receives \$15,000 grant, increases capacity with new rescue equipment

June 6, 2016 — BRIGGS, Texas — Briggs Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$15,000 grant for rescue equipment through Texas A&M Forest Service’s Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

The new equipment purchased through the cost-share program includes a hydraulic cutter, spreader, struts, jacks, and power supplies.

“This new equipment is replacing 10-year-old second-hand equipment,” Briggs VFD Chief Landon Renfro said.

The equipment, commonly called the Jaws of Life, is battery powered so there are no cords or hoses to hinder the extraction set up.

“The biggest asset is speed. The tools enable the set up for the extrication process to be quicker which allows the responder to start working to get a victim out of the vehicle faster. With this type of emergency call every second counts,” said Renfro.

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.

To learn more about the fire department assistance programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, visit <http://texasfd.com>

