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### Texas A&M Forest Service grant helps Rosharon VFD purchase new rescue equipment

**ROSHARON, Texas** - Rosharon Volunteer Fire Department was able to purchase updated rescue equipment with a \$12,500 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

The grant purchased a new cutter, which is used for emergency extrication, as well as several AEDs and other rescue equipment to help the department better serve people in need.

Rosharon VFD Fire Chief Joe Stepchinsky said the department operates solely off of funds from donations and from their emergency service district, so additional financial assistance was needed to purchase the equipment.

“The resources TFS offers to VFDs have been very beneficial to us,” Stepchinsky said. “We rely on these grants every year for gear and equipment. With the grant money we can keep our volunteers as safe as possible.”

The new equipment will serve the department in numerous ways.

“It can be used for heavy rescue operations,” Stepchinsky said. “We will be able to cut the newer model cars that we couldn’t cut before when working at the site of an accident. We will be able to provide better rescue services to people in need.”

TFS 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.

To learn more about this program visit [texasfd.com](http://texasfd.com).

