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Manvel Volunteer Fire Department receives grant

MANVEL, Texas — Manvel Volunteer Fire Department has received a new specialized washer that is designed to remove carcinogens and other contaminants from personal protective equipment worn by firefighters. This washer was made possible with a \$13,500 grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

In recent years, fire agencies have become increasingly aware of the hazards associated with wearing contaminated gear. Manvel VFD wanted to take steps to ensure the safety of their firefighters and took advantage of the opportunity to address this important issue through the grant.

Manvel Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for new members. Anyone interested can find an application at its website, <http://www.manvelvfd.org/>.

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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