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Clyde VFD receives new rescue equipment

May 26, 2016 — CLYDE, Texas — Clyde Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased new rescue equipment with a \$8,493 grant through Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

Among the new equipment purchased through the cost-share program were vehicle stabilization and rescue struts.

"These rescue and stabilization tools are new additions and we will use them along with our Jaws of Life," Clyde VFD Chief Billy Dezern said. "The tools are more advanced and very beneficial in helping us stabilize a vehicle while we are doing extrications. This new technology makes the process safer for the Volunteer Firefighter as well as for the victim."

Dezern strives to keep safety at the forefront in the department.

"I have been with the department for 38 years and a lot of things have changed, but any improvement that increases the safety of our department and the public should always be a priority," Dezern said.

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>

