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Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department receives a \$10,900 grant for new rescue equipment

March 8, 2016 — Yorktown, Texas — A grant awarded by Texas A&M Forest Service allowed Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department to purchase an assortment of new rescue equipment that includes two new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, four new SCBA Scott safety tanks, and a thermal imaging camera.

Taking advantage of this grant gave the department specialized equipment to assist in various types of rescue situations and will aid in protecting the fire service personnel from fire related hazards.

“The SCBA’s we purchased are additional equipment for the department and will ensure we have an even number of SCBA’s in all trucks, which allows for better safety situations at fire scenes,” said Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief William Potcinske. “The safety of our firefighters is always number one.”

While serving under Texas A&M AgriLife, Texas A&M Forest Service works with fire service cooperators throughout the state to minimize the loss of life and property in response to wildfires and other all-hazard emergencies. This year Texas A&M Forest Service is set to award approximately \$24.3 million in grants to volunteer fire departments for the purchase of equipment and training.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

