## Sherwood Shores Volunteer Fire Department expands rescue capabilities

GORDONVILLE, Texas — Sherwood Shores Volunteer Fire Department received a \$20,000 grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The grant allowed the department to buy tools used to rescue and extricate victims of vehicle crashes and assist in making forcible entry at emergency scenes.

The tools are battery powered, making them easier for fire crews to manage without worrying about refueling or access issues.

The department has already used its new rescue equipment during training.

Sherwood Shores VFD is always looking for new members. Anyone interested can call (903) 523-5034.

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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