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### **Bronte Volunteer Fire Department updates rescue tools**

BRONTE, Texas — Bronte Volunteer Fire Department received a \$19,700 equipment grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program to help purchase new rescue equipment, hand tools and lighting that will be beneficial in the safety of department members and those they help.

“The recent acquisition of funds from Texas A&M Forest Service has allowed us to upgrade equipment to better serve our county and neighboring community when the need arises to battle structure and wildland fires, vehicle accidents and assisting fellow departments in mutual aid,” said Bronte VFD Fire Chief Martin De La Garza.

The department received vehicle stabilization tools, firefighting tools, a thermal imaging camera, and portable generator. Having the right tools for the job makes it easier to accomplish the task.

“The members of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department thank Texas A&M Forest service for having equipment grants available,” said De La Garza. “Our members are proud to serve the community and having the updated tools that will help in our efforts.”

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 Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides 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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