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Flint-Gresham Volunteer Fire Department perfects skills

FLINT, Texas — Flint-Gresham Volunteer Fire Department added a forcible entry training door to their cache of training tools. The purchase was made possible with a cost share grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“The forcible entry training door will allow this department to hone their skills on accessing structures more safely and efficiently when seconds count in an emergency,” said Josh Bardwell Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator. “Gaining access to emergencies behind locked and stuck doors are a real issue responders’ encounter, so being able to train for these encounters is extremely beneficial.”

The door will allow the forcible entry process to be completed over and over again.

“It is going to help my personnel to be confident and efficient in forcible entry whether a medical emergency or trapped victim in a fire,” said Flint-Gresham VFD Assistant Chief Keith Tate. “The door can be used numerous times with different techniques depending on the type of door.”

According to Tate the new training tool is portable and will be made available to partnering volunteer fire departments for hands on training.

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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