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Press Release

Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department announces:

The Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded an FEMA AFG grant for \$738,240.00 to upgrade emergency radios.

Magnolia, TX. May 7, 2010:

1. The Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department, working in conjunction with the Bennette and Needham Fire Departments, along with support from federal representatives Congressman Kevin Brady and Senator John Cornyn, has been awarded an Assist the Firefighter Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of 159 new 700-800 MHz radios and 17 digital repeaters.
2. The grant is an 80/20 cost sharing partnership with \$184,560.00 contributed by the local fire departments and \$738,240.00 contributed by FEMA for a total budget of \$922,800.00 for the project. The Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department will receive funding from Montgomery County Emergency Services District #10.
3. The upgrade of the radio systems will increase not only the safety of the fire fighters, but in large scale regional disasters such as Hurricanes, allow the local fire department to communicate much more effectively with other local and state emergency response agencies, such as Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and other Regional Fire Departments in the surrounding counties.

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