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Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Receives New Watercraft

\$7,000 Grant Helps Fund Swiftwater Rescue Boat

HOUSTON (Feb. 17, 2012) – Harris County's proximity to the Gulf of Mexico puts it in the path of tropical storms and hurricanes, and the county's many waterways are also prone to seasonal flooding. The Northwest part of the county, which is served by the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department, is no different, as most of Cypress Creek watershed's 30 tributaries have wide, extensive floodplains. Currently the department has 15 members that have been trained as swift water rescue technicians.

Now, thanks to a \$7,000 grant from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department will be ready for the next flood with a boat specially designed for swift-water rescues. The boat is lightweight, agile, and has an extra-wide bottom for stability.

"This boat will allow us to respond to emergencies much more quickly, efficiently and safely," said Fire Chief Joe Davis. "The speed and stability of this type of boat can literally be the difference between life and death, both for people in trouble and for our firefighters."

Cy-Fair has area insurance agent Lisa Monita to thank for the grant. She let Fireman's Fund know about the needs of the department.

"As a business owner and resident in northwest Harris County, I am honored to be a part of this grant to the fire department," said Monita. "It's vital that our first responders have the proper equipment to help our community when it's needed most."

The grant is part of a nationwide philanthropic program funded by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. The program is designed to provide needed equipment, training and educational tools to local fire department and burn prevention organizations. Since 2004, Fireman's Fund has issued grants to nearly 1,800 different organizations totaling more than \$28 million.

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