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Alvin Volunteer Fire Department Receives New Drone Equipment

The Alvin Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) is in the process of training several firefighters on new drone equipment, which was donated by a local business owner. This new use of technology will allow firefighters to now have eyes in the sky. The drone will be navigated by a remote firefighter pilot that has specialized training and licensing for operation required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Fire Chief Rex Klesel stated “The drone will benefit the Fire Department in emergency situations, such as search and rescue, aerial views of structure fires, and navigating response areas in times of natural disasters. This drone will also be very beneficial in fighting brush and grass fires, as it will allow firefighters to better determine the path of the fire, allowing better equipment placement and more time to notify homeowners to prepare for possible evacuations”.



Photo attached: Firefighter James Guidry (L), Asst. Fire Marshal Shaun Moore (R), prepare to fly drone.