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## **Grant Assists Pasquotank/Newland Volunteer Fire Department**

The Pasquotank/Newland Volunteer Fire Department will be able to purchase vehicle-extraction equipment, thanks to a grant from the Albemarle Community Trust.

Robbie Whitehead, chief of the fire department, said the funds will be used to purchase a portable homtro pump and two sets of hydraulic hoses. The equipment is used to operate vehicle-extraction devices such as the Jaws of Life.

“This portable unit enables us to carry the equipment to a crash site that may be far off the main highway,” said Chief Robbie Whitehead.

Initiated in 2001, the Albemarle Community Trust is funded by co-op members who agree to have their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. The amounts by which the bills are rounded up are then put into the fund. The donations average \$6 per year per participating member.

A nine-member board awards the grants to nonprofit organizations as well as individuals. To apply for a grant, call Albemarle EMC at (252) 426-5735.

Albemarle EMC, based near Hertford, is a member-owned, nonprofit electrical co-op that serves more than 11,000 consumers. The service territory includes the counties of Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and parts of Currituck.