Local fire dept receives lifesaving tool

(KMZA)--A local fire department has received a lifesaving tool to aid in grain bin rescues.

Corteva Agriscience presented the Wetmore Fire Department Tuesday evening with a grain rescue tube.

According to a news release, the tube is made of six panels that slide into place around the victim. Once inserted, the tube halts the flow of grain and relieves the pressure on the trapped individual. One cubic foot of grain weighs 50 pounds, and, without the tube, grain can continue to collapse the victim as fast as rescuers remove it.

The release says having the proper rescue tools and training can be the difference between life and death for rural first responders rushing to save someone trapped in a grain bin.

Corteva is donating twenty-one grain rescue tubes to fire departments nationwide.

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