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Trout Creek VFD uses \$100,000 grant to buy firetruck

June 30, 2016 — CALL, Texas — Trout Creek Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$100,000 grant through Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program to help purchase a small brush truck.

"This new vehicle is a F550 super single, four-wheel drive with 40-inch tires and a turret on the front bumper," Trout Creek VFD Secretary and Treasurer Howard West said.

According to West, the truck has a 400-gallon water tank, a 10-gallon foam tank and will be used as the department's first out truck for all types of emergencies, including vehicle accidents, farming incidents and wildland and structure fires.

The department's previous truck was a 1985 truck that had passed through many departments prior to finding a home with Trout Creek.

"It is good to now have a dependable vehicle that can help us to serve our community with greater capacity and be a safer response vehicle for our volunteers," said West.

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to protecting lives and property through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a cost-share program funded by the Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides funding to rural VFDs for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

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