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TFS provides \$18,000 grant to Iredell VFD

IREDELL, Texas – The Iredell Volunteer Fire Department can now fight fires more efficiently, thanks to a \$18,000 grant. The grant provided through the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Fire Department Assistance Program enabled Iredell VFD to purchase a new skid unit capable of holding 750 gallons of water.

“This was an upgrade to a truck we’ve had since 1990. With this grant we were able to completely refurbish the bed of the truck and it’s now a more efficient truck,” said Bradley Fletcher, Iredell VFD fire chief.

Through their grant programs, TFS strives to help increase the capacity of VFDs. Volunteer firefighters respond to 90 percent of wildfires in Texas. They are staffed primarily with volunteers who operate with little to no money.

“I often talk to VFDs to tell them how wonderful this program is and how they should take advantage of it,” said Matthew Schlaefer, TFS regional fire coordinator. “We have funds available that are not only for upgrading trucks, but can be used for training and educational needs.”

The Iredell VFD award is among the \$12.8 million passed through TFS to Texas volunteer fire departments each year.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

