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### **Laneville Volunteer Fire Department adds new truck to fleet**

LANEVILLE, Texas — Laneville Volunteer Fire Department received a 2019 small brush truck thanks to a cost share grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The department commemorated the event with big check and tree presentations as symbols of partnerships with those who help to protect forests and related natural resources against wildland fires.

“We appreciate the assistance that our ESD gave to help with our new addition and for the programs that Texas A&M Forest Service has to support volunteer fire departments,” said Laneville VFD Secretary/Medic Tina Dukes.

The new truck will be used for quick attack on wildland fires and aid in rescue for structure and vehicle fires.

“This new truck is equipped with a remote controlled pump, front bumper monitor and spray nozzles that will allow for a quicker assault on grass fires,” said Dukes. “Time and water are crucial for a fast attack and the 400-gallon water tank with foam capability coupled with the monitor will allow an instant source of firefighting power.”

According to Dukes their service area is rural with 116-square-miles of farming and forestry. The department is training on the truck for wildland fires, medical calls including setting landing zones for helicopters and to familiarize members with the new apparatus mechanics.

“With many miles of heavily traveled highways and rural communities within their coverage area, Laneville VFD’s new engine is a versatile addition to tackle the variety of emergencies they respond to,” said Josh Bardwell Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator.

Laneville VFD has been serving their community since 1976 and has open enrollment for volunteers. To apply call Tina Dukes at (903) 646-5187.

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 Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides funding to rural Volunteer Fire Departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasfd.com>.

