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Grant provides Pleasanton Volunteer Fire Department with leading edge apparatus

PLEASANTON, Texas — Pleasanton Volunteer Fire Department accepted a \$215,000 cost share grant to help purchase a new large brush truck. The grant is through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The brush truck comes equipped with a compressed air foam system (CAFS), remote control front bumper water monitor and a behind the cab walk thru.

“We are pleased to add a truck to our fleet that can carry 1000-gallons of water,” said Pleasanton VFD Fire Chief Chuck Garris. “The increased water supply will allow us to fight fire longer and coupled with the addition of the foam, helps to enhance our capacity to extinguish fire quicker.”

According to Garris, the city is supportive of their department that has been serving their community and surrounding area since 1930.

“We would like to thank the City Council and community for their support in meeting our cost share portion for the apparatus purchase,” said Garris. “Receiving the grant and city backing made it possible for our department to have a safer, more up to date firefighting apparatus.”

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.

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