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Troy Volunteer Fire Department receives grant for new vehicle

Feb. 28, 2017 — TROY, Texas — Troy Volunteer Fire Department received a \$44,058 grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The cost share grant was used to purchase a multipurpose 2016 F550 truck chassis.

According to the Troy Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Justin Jackson the addition of this dual function truck will help to increase the department's capacity to serve the community as well as travelers on Interstate 35. The department receives frequent calls for auto accidents on this busy thoroughfare.

"We added a 200-gallon water tank and a pump to the chassis to help fight grass fires but the primary purpose will be as a rescue truck for vehicle accidents," said Jackson. "The new truck will be equipped with rescue equipment such as cribbing, jaws of life, cutting equipment and rescue air bags."

Vehicle accidents on this busy Interstate can vary from one vehicle to a multiple car pileup.

"The new, reliable truck and chassis will be a great benefit to Troy VFD when they are called to respond to the many rescue situations in their response area," said Texas A&M Forest Service RFC Mitch LaMonte.

"We are thankful for the grant program through Texas A&M Forest Service," said Jackson. "Our department could never afford a new truck without grant assistance."

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 VFDs for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

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