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**Press Release:**

**Walnut Springs Volunteer Fire Department receives \$20,000 grant**

BOSQUE, Texas — Walnut Springs VFD now has a new slip-on unit to help fight brush fires thanks to a Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance grant through Texas A&M Forest Service.

A slip-on unit is designed to become a fast initial-attack firefighting unit. It is used in wildland firefighting as well as structure and auto fires and is a complete self-contained firefighting apparatus designed for a pickup truck or custom-built vehicle platform.

The unit has a 400-gallon water tank and a 10-gallon foam injection system.

The addition of the foam with water helps give the firefighter a quicker knock down with fewer flare ups.

“Our department is very happy to have received a grant from Texas A&M Forest Service to help purchase a much needed replacement for an older unit,” said Walnut Springs VFD Fire Chief Gary Anderson. “All of the recent rain has created a lot of fuel for grass fires, this unit has already been used to respond to 10 grass fires.”

Walnut Springs VFD has been serving their area since 1978. The department currently has 14 volunteers dedicated to serving and protecting their rural community.

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>.

