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Grant from Texas A&M Forest Service helps Alvord VFD update current equipment

ALVORD, Texas - For Alvord Volunteer Fire Department, updating to a new slip-on unit with an \$18,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service made the difference in having reliable rescue trucks to serve its district.

"We didn't have the funds to purchase the equipment on our own," Fire Chief Sam Hahn said. "The majority of our funds come from the county and our annual fundraiser."

The grant allowed the VFD to upgrade one of its current trucks to be more efficient and reliable.

"We put the unit on one of our existing trucks," Hahn said. "It allowed us to make this truck into both an engine and a tanker, so if something happens to our current engine we have a backup and something to rely on."

According to Regional Fire Coordinator Russell Behlings, the new slip-on unit will build the department's capacity by providing a reliable water source to their service district.

TFS passes approximately \$12.8 million along to volunteer fire departments across the state every year, helping them purchase equipment to better protect lives and property.

"A lot of departments can't survive without this program," Hahn said. "It's almost a must have."

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

