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Grant for new slip-on unit brings Spur VFD new capabilities

SPUR, Texas — Texas A&M Forest Service recently awarded the Spur Volunteer Fire Department an \$18,000 grant to help pay for a brand new slip-on unit.

According to Fire Chief Reid Arnold, the mobility of the unit was one of its big perks.

“The ease of changing it out was key,” Arnold said. “Being able to slip an old unit off one of our existing trucks and replacing it with a new one was essential. The equipment we were operating before was a bit older and more outdated.”

Another advancement the slip-on unit brings to the department is a compressed air foam system.

“This is our first unit to have foam capabilities,” Arnold said. “It will give us more flexibility when fighting fires.”

Over 85% of fire departments in the state of Texas are either completely or mostly operated by volunteers. 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.

“This program is great,” Arnold said. “We are limited on funds so it helps us out tremendously.”

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

