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Cisco VFD receives new truck

June 30, 2016 — CISCO, Texas — Cisco Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$118,000 grant to purchase a small brush truck through Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

The 2016 truck contains a compressed air foam system and lots of storage space for firefighting and rescue equipment — something the 32-year old truck it is replacing didn't have according to Cisco VFD Chief Walter Fairbanks.

“We will also be adding a deck mounted turret that will be remote-controlled,” Fairbanks said. “That adds a safety element for our volunteers because we will be able to fight the fire from inside the truck.”

“This unit is greatly appreciated by the community of Cisco and will be a benefit to them and the surrounding area because it is small and more agile than a larger apparatus. It is equipped with some of the latest technology. That technology combined with the fact that it is smaller will help to decrease response times to incidents and be a more flexible vehicle,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Resource Specialist Nick Dawson.

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 the 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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