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Lamar VFD receives grant, increases department capabilities

May 17, 2016 — ROCKPORT, Texas — Lamar Volunteer Fire Department has enhanced its fire service capabilities with the help of a \$20,000 grant administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The grant, part of Texas A&M Forest Service’s Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, went toward purchasing a new slip-on unit for one of the department’s existing trucks.

“This is replacing a 15-year-old fiber glass tank and pump that we had installed on the truck ourselves,” Lamar VFD Chief Carl Stubbs said.

A slip-on unit is designed to enhance any fire department’s firefighting capabilities. The apparatus is built for the rigors of the fire service and easily mounted in the back of a pick-up truck or a custom built vehicle bed and is especially effective in handling wildland, automobile and structure fires.

“The foam system is a really big addition, for [us since] we did not have foam on our old unit. The truck also has the ability to draft water in a remote location, which is a good option since our community and service area do not have very many fire hydrants,” Chief Stubbs said.

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.

To learn more about this and other programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, visit <http://texasfd.com>.

