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\$18,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service gets Bear Creek VFD new slip-on unit

CLEVELAND, Texas - Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department recently added a new slip-on unit to its fleet of emergency rescue equipment with the help of an \$18,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

"The truck we were using was not working properly, we needed to replace it badly," Fire Chief Bryant Matthews said. "It was requiring a lot of maintenance."

The new slip-on unit will give the department several new capabilities to aid in protecting their emergency service district.

"It has a larger tank and a hose that we didn't have before," Matthews said. "It also comes with a foam system that will help expand our water supply and extinguish fires easier than with just water."

BCVFD has utilized the 2604 Rural VFD Assistance Program through TFS previously to get a tanker, as well as computers and training equipment.

"It's a really good program, especially for smaller departments," Matthews said. "As long as you put the time into doing the paperwork you can get some much needed equipment for your department."

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.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

