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Nassau Bay VFD receives \$200,000 grant

NASSAU BAY, Texas—Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department received a \$200,000 grant to help purchase a new tender through the Texas A&M Forest Service’s Rural VFD Assistance Program.

“This tender is replacing an older apparatus that held less water,” said Nassau Bay VFD Fire Chief Tom George. “It will help to enhance our water handling capabilities and maintain our Insurance Services Office rating.”

This tender gives Nassau Bay VFD the ability to transport water from a water source to a fire scene. Water tenders are capable of drafting water from a variety of sources, such as a stream, lake or hydrants.

“Nassau Bay VFD provides a lot of mutual aid to neighboring departments,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Jeremy Wagner. “This new apparatus will allow the department to bolster response by transporting water to the surrounding communities.”

Volunteer firefighters operate 85 percent of the fire departments in Texas. This year Texas A&M Forest Service will pass approximately \$24.3 million to VFDs across the state. The grants aid them in purchasing equipment and obtaining vital firefighter training, giving them greater capabilities to protect life and property in their communities.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.



Chief Tom George and TFS, RFC Jeremy Wagner