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The Lott City Fire Company increases their capacity with new firefighting equipment

LOTT, Texas – The Lott City Fire Company added new water monitors to their brush truck and engine, doubling their options for fighting fire. The additions were purchased thanks to a cost share grant through the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

A fixed water monitor is known by several names, deluge gun, fire monitor, deck gun or water cannon. Its purpose is to produce a controllable high-capacity jet stream of water used in direct attack on the burning area.

The brush truck monitor can be controlled remotely from inside the cab.

“One of the reasons for adding the monitor to the brush truck is that it is remote controlled and can be used for initial fire response by one volunteer,” said The Lott City Fire Company Fire Chief Walter (Red) Carson. “The first firefighter that arrives at the station can respond using the monitor to knock the fire down.”

The department members have received training on both monitors.

“The new additions will be a great benefit to the community and surrounding area,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Matthew Schlaefer. “The monitors will increase the department’s firefighting capacity for wildland and structure fires.”

The department has been serving their area since 1895 and continually strives to update and improve fire response.

“We appreciate the monetary support of our community and the City of Lott as we make advancement within our department,” said Carson. “We are also grateful to Texas A&M Forest Service for the role that they play in offering grants that help volunteer fire departments improve service to their communities.”

Texas A&M Forest Service is an agency operating within the Texas A&M University System and as the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administrator is committed to protecting lives, property and natural resources. The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is funded by Texas State Legislature and provides cost share funding to rural volunteer fire departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

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