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## Tulia VFD receives new fire truck

Jan. 21, 2016 — TULIA, Texas — Tulia Volunteer Fire Department is replacing a 1986 converted garbage truck with a new fire truck. The purchase was made possible through a grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

"Tulia VFD made this a multi-purpose fire truck for flexibility when responding to both wildland and structure fires," said Richard Eubank, Texas A&M Forest Service, regional fire coordinator.

The Tulia Fire Department has been serving their community and surrounding area since 1920. The new truck gives them greater capacity to continue to serve and protect life and property.

"The truck went into service the day we received it. We had a call for a cotton burr fire," said Chief Johnny Daniels. "Our service area is rural and the new truck gives us greater capability to respond to wildland fires, structure fires and calls like the cotton burr fire."

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 <u>texasfd.com</u>.

