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Wells VFD receives \$118,000 grant

April 25, 2016 — WELLS, Texas — Wells Volunteer Fire Department purchased a new small brush truck with a Compressed Air Foam System thanks to a grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

Wells VFD has an 88 square mile service area and 90 percent of their calls are for woodland or grass fires. This new 2016 Ford F-150 with slip-on unit will allow them to effectively protect life and property in the community and surrounding area.

“The new truck is replacing a 1985 brush truck,” said Wells VFD fire Chief Robert Kalka. “The unit has a Compressed Air Foam System with a 300-gallon water tank and 10 gallon foam tank. It uses compressed air which will allow the foam to put out fires more efficiently and gives better coverage of the surface area compared to the regular foam system.”

This vehicle has already been put into service and was used to respond to a grass fire.

“This brush truck will help increase Wells VFD’s capacity to respond to emergencies in their response area and assist their neighboring departments,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Nathan Carroll.

While serving under Texas A&M AgriLife, Texas A&M Forest Service works with fire service cooperators throughout the state to minimize the loss of life and property in response to wildfires and other all-hazard emergencies. This year Texas A&M Forest Service is set to award approximately \$24.3 million in grants to volunteer fire departments for the purchase of equipment and training.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.



Fire Chief Robert Kalka and Texas A&M Forest Service, RFC Nathan Carroll