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**Avery Volunteer Fire Department adds new truck to fleet with help from Texas A&M Forest Service**

**AVERY, Texas** - Previously operating with two older model trucks, Avery Volunteer Fire department was recently able to add a new brush truck to its fleet with help from the Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural VFD Assistance Program.

"The trucks they had were getting aged and had a lot of wear and tear," TFS Regional Fire Coordinator Nathan Carroll said. "Having this new truck will make it a lot easier for them to respond faster and be more effective in serving their community."

The new truck features a compressed air foam (CAF) system that the department did not have access to in the past.

"We really didn't have a good foam system on any of our older trucks, and foam allows us to do quite a bit more for fire suppression," Avery VFD Fire Chief Gary Tucek said.

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.

"This program was a godsend to us," Tucek said. "There is no way we could afford to purchase this kind of equipment on the budget we have."



Left to Right; Resource Specialist- Kelby Wolf, Precinct 1 commissioner- Donnie Gentry, WUI Specialist- Luke Kanclerz, Avery FF- Doug Harmon, Avery FF, Donny Hall, Avery FF- Brandon Canup, ACRFC- Billy Whitworth, Avery Asset. Chief-Ross Schwab, Resource Specialist- Craig Frazier, Avery Secretary- Phyllis Stanley, RFC-Nathan Carroll, Avery Chief- Gary Tucek