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Brookside Village VFD adds much needed new truck to fleet

BROOKSIDE VILLAGE, Texas – A \$99,900 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service allowed Brookside Village Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a new brush truck. Having previously operated an older truck that is now inoperable, this grant was much needed.

“We didn’t have anything to work with,” Fire Chief Craig Bailey said. “Our old truck broke down and we couldn’t afford a new one on our own. The grant was a lifesaver to us.”

The new truck will help improve the department’s response in multiple ways.

“We can fight structure fires and brush fires with it,” Bailey said. “We put a foam unit on it so our water supply will go further. Overall, this will be a very useful truck for us.”

The department is small but also offers mutual aid to other VFDs in the area, according to Regional Fire Coordinator Jeremy Wagner.

“The brush truck they received is a type six engine,” Wagner said. “It will help them get into hard to reach areas since they mostly cover wildland interface.”

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.

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Pictured left to right, Jeremy Wagner, TFS Regional Fire Coordinator, Fire Chief Craig Bailey