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## Grant from Texas A&M Forest Service gives Parker County / Spring Creek VFD more efficient response truck

**WEATHERFORD, Texas** - A \$155,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service enabled Parker County / Spring Creek VFD to purchase a new brush truck to better cover its response area.

"We are a fire department that has a lot of urban interface fires to cover," Fire Chief George Teague said. "We only had one class A engine before now, and we needed a multi-faceted vehicle to be able to cover our response area and provide adequate protection."

The new truck comes loaded with many new capabilities to improve the efficiency of the VFD.

"It has a much larger tank and four wheel drive that allows us to go off-road," Teague said. "Sixty percent of our area is rangeland or large lots. This allows us to cover that area adequately and be able to get off the road to provide them with better fire protection."

The new truck will benefit the busy department in many ways, according to Regional Fire Coordinator Michael Geesling.

"Parker County has quite a bit of fire activity," Geesling said. "They are a great partner for initial attack for fires, but this engine will go a long way in strengthening fire response for this area."

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.

"As large as our department is and with our limited income, these grants are a tremendous asset to us," Teague said. "It allowed us to purchase a vehicle that we would not have otherwise been able to get."

To learn more about this program visit [texasfd.com](http://texasfd.com).

