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Bear Creek VFD increases their capability with new brush truck

March 8, 2016 — Cleveland, Texas — Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department recently added a small brush truck to its fleet thanks to a \$100,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service. The grant helped to provide a 2016 Ford F550 brush truck with a 500-gallon water tank and a foam system.

With warmer than normal temperatures and the breezy, dry conditions, the department expects an elevation in fire danger in their wooded area. The new truck is ready to roll when any fire incidents occur.

“This new addition gives us the ability to respond to multiple calls at the same time,” said Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Bryan Matthews. “The majority of our district is forest with more than 50 percent of our calls being in the wooded areas, including the Sam Houston National Forest.”

The department will use the new vehicle as a multipurpose truck, incorporating the Jaws of Life for use on vehicle accidents occurring in the area.

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.

