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### Kress VFD puts excess military fire truck in service

**KRESS, Texas** — Kress Volunteer Fire Department received a retired military vehicle at no cost through Texas A&M Forest Service as part of the Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program. The excess military vehicle will help increase Kress VFD's capacity to protect their community and provide a safer way to fight fires. They will be using it as a brush truck for wildland fire fighting in their rural, farm and ranch country.

“This truck was used as an airport emergency vehicle, so it was already in use as a firefighting machine,” Kress VFD Fire Chief Kevin Goss said. “This specialized fire apparatus is known for off the road performance. It will also reduce the risk to firefighters because it takes only one person to pump and roll, extinguishing the flames from the safety of the vehicle.”

Extreme rains in Swisher County produced a heavy fuel load, increasing the potential for grass fires. With this new addition to their fleet, Kress VFD is ready to respond to any threats.

“This program along with other TFS grant programs are essential for VFDs to have the equipment, training and gear that they need to better help their communities in times of emergencies,” said Goss.

The DoD Firefighter Property Program provides excess military equipment to fire departments and emergency service providers. Launched in Texas in 2005, this program has released over 300 retired military trucks to VFDs across the state to help them better protect lives and property. The USDA Forest Service oversees the program and it is directed by Texas A&M Forest Service.

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

