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Selden Volunteer Fire Department receives \$200,000 grant

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — Selden VFD received a Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance cost share grant through Texas A&M Forest Service.

The grant was used to help purchase a 2019 poly body tender that will primarily be in service as a water tender but is equipped with rescue and structural equipment making it a multipurpose apparatus.

“This tender has a 1,200-gallon water tank and a 20-gallon foam tank,” said Selden VFD Fire Chief Shad Parum. “It will help increase the department’s capacity to fight structure, vehicle and grass fires. We have added a large spectrum of equipment to help with different scenarios. A lot of the equipment came from the Helping Hands Program through Texas A&M Forest Service, and helped to make this apparatus very versatile.”

The Helping Hands program passes on gently used equipment and gear essential to the operation of a fire department at no cost to the department.

Selden VFD has been serving their community of 3,000 since 1984. Anyone wanting to volunteer as a firefighter or has a talent for helping at the station, may fill out an application at the monthly meeting held the first Monday of every month, 7 p.m. at the fire station located at 4200 FM913, Stephenville, Texas.

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to protecting lives and property through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a cost share program funded by Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides funding to rural Volunteer Fire Departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasfd.com>.

