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Grant for new slip-on unit will improve efficiency of Blackwell VFD

BLACKWELL, Texas - An \$18,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service helped Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department purchase a new slip-on unit for one of their trucks.

“We were in need of a new brush truck,” Fire Chief Randy Pieper said. “We put the slip-on unit on one of our rescue trucks to update it.”

The rescue truck with the new slip-on unit will help improve efficiency in fighting fires for the VFD.

“The truck we were previously using had a small tank and only one hose. This updated slip-on unit will help us be able to fight fires better. We now have way more water pressure to work with.”

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.

“The grant for this new equipment is going to help build the capacity of this department in fighting fires and bettering the department as a whole for the community,” Regional Fire Coordinator Charles Tice said.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

