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Bryson Volunteer Fire Department increases their potential with a \$36,000 grant

BRYSON, Texas – Bryson Volunteer Fire Department retired an older truck and is in the process of building a new one equipped with a slip-on unit.

The slip-on unit purchase is possible through Texas A&M Forest Service. The equipment will give them the option of using the compressed air foam system to generate foam that is five times more effective than water.

It could mean the difference between a quick extinguishment or a major fire.

“There are 600 people in our direct service area but there are about 2,500 in the whole county. We service the western half of the county and provide mutual aid to surrounding towns. The CAFS is a definite improvement over our old unit and will give us an edge for protecting the community from wildland fire and structural fire,” said Bryson Fire Chief Charles Hauger.

Firefighting equipment is continually being improved for efficiency and safety. The department’s 15 volunteers will now have the option to use the high-pressure pump system designed for quick knockdown and high performance.

“In building the capacity for our local departments, we are helping them meet their goals for improvement and growth; this in turn helps the community that they serve,” said Regional Fire Coordinator Charles Tice.

Volunteer firefighters operate 85 percent of the fire departments in Texas. This year TFS will pass approximately \$24.3 million along to VFDs across the state. The grant funding will aid them in purchasing equipment and obtaining vital firefighter training, giving them greater capabilities to protect life and property in their communities.

“I think it is vital to keep the small departments alive. Without the grants from TFS they wouldn’t be in existence and they wouldn’t have better, up-to-date equipment,” said Hauger.

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