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New fire truck for Tierra Linda VFD provides better fire protection for community

December 12, 2016 — KERRVILLE, Texas — A \$118,000 grant courtesy of Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program enabled Tierra Linda Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a new brush truck.

The new truck has a 400-gallon water tank and a compressed air foam system. The foam system allows firefighters to fight more fire with less water, as the foam works to suppress fire.

It is also outfitted with various apparatus that will allow the truck to be used to respond to all types of calls within the VFD's approximate 85 square mile response area.

"This truck will be used as one of our first out vehicles," said Tierra Linda VFD Deputy Chief Ed Marker. "Not only will our primary protected area benefit from the department having this updated truck, but it will also be a benefit when we mutual aid with the 16 VFDs in our surrounding area and counties."

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 the Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides funding to rural VFDs for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

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