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Hubbard Volunteer Fire Department increases capacity to fight wildland-urban interface fires

HUBBARD, Texas — Hubbard Volunteer Fire Department completed a fleet upgrade with the addition of a new brush truck, thanks to a \$179,400 cost share grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“We are pleased to replace an older 1990 truck with one that will be low maintenance, and allows us to respond more safely, with greater firefighting power,” said Hubbard Volunteer Fire Department Secretary/Treasurer Will Geltmeier. “The truck has a remote controlled front bumper monitor and sprayers, back-up camera, PA system and a two-way radio that will help communicate with those around the truck.”

The new large brush truck has a 500-gallon water tank, foam capability and can draft water from a pool, creek or other water source.

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.

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