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Pickton-Pine Forest Volunteer Fire Department added a new brush truck to their fleet

PICKTON, Texas – Pickton-Pine Forest Volunteer Fire Department increased their fleet thanks to a \$99,723 Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance cost share grant administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“The new apparatus has four-wheel-drive, a 300-gallon water tank, foam capability, bumper spray nozzle and electric hose reel,” said Fire Chief Trey Thompson. “It is built for wildland firefighting but can also be used for structure fires and rescue and will carry a cache of wildland equipment and medical supplies.”

The truck has gone into service.

“Our department trained on the functionality of the truck and it has already been out on five or six calls,” said Thompson.

Pickton-Pine Forest Volunteer Fire Department has been serving their community since 1976 and continues to grow and advance their fire service.

“The addition of this brush truck to the Pickton-Pine Forest VFD fleet will help to increase their capacity to better serve their community and surrounding area,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Cody Mayo.

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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