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Rendon Fire Department is now better prepared to serve community

Feb. 16, 2016 — EVERMAN, Texas — Rendon Fire Department recently received a slip-on unit that was purchased with a \$36,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

This new slip-on unit replaces an older unit and helps increase the department's firefighting capabilities. With the addition of the Compressed Air Foam System, Rendon Fire Department can deliver fire retardant that extinguishes fire and protects an unburned area, while maximizing water use.

"The wildland engine was recently used in response to a structure fire and the unit was able to successfully foam the scene down," said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Michael Geesling. "It just shows the utility of this equipment increasing the overall effectiveness a department can have."

Rendon Fire Department has been serving their area since 1954 and are always looking for avenues to add to the potential of the department. The slip-on unit increases the department's capacity to protect life and property.

"We have already put this unit into service," said Rendon Fire Department Fire Chief James Winkler. "We are now better equipped for grass and trash fires and also for structure fires."

While serving under Texas A&M Agrilife, Texas A&M Forest Service works with fire service throughout the state to minimize the loss of life and property in response to wildfires and other all-hazard emergencies. This year Texas A&M Forest Service will issue approximately \$24.3 million in grants to purchase equipment and obtain vital firefighter training.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

