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Adrian Volunteer Fire Department adds a 2019 brush truck to fleet

ADRIAN, Texas — Adrian Volunteer Fire Department received a new large brush truck thanks to a \$199,800 cost share grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“Our response area encompasses over 980-square-miles of ranch and farm land and 50 miles of interstate,” said Adrian Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Chase Burgess. “This truck was designed with that in mind and will be used when responding to wildland fires or car fires.”

According to Burgess the truck has 6-wheel-drive, 1,490-gallon water tank, foam capability, front bumper monitor and bumper sweeps on all four corners. Everything can be controlled from inside the cab of the truck.

“Having the ability to take a large amount of water to the rural areas helps to increase our firefighting capabilities, plus this apparatus can draft water from stock tanks or natural resources,” said Burgess.

The truck is in service and the members received training to familiarize them with the placement of the controls, maintenance schedule and the trucks mechanical abilities.

Adrian Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1961 and currently the department is manned by commanding officer Fire Chief Lee Petty and 12 volunteers.

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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