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### Wall VFD receives \$200,000 grant for new brush truck

**March 21, 2017 — Wall, Texas** — Wall Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$200,000 grant to purchase a new large brush truck through Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

"This new brush truck is replacing one that we had for about 12 years," said Wall Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Dean Dickson. "The new truck has been a godsend and has already been out on six runs which included auto accidents and grass fires."

According to Dickson the new vehicle will be used as first response to structure fires, wildland fires and auto accidents. The truck has telescope lighting on each side which is important for lighting the scene of an emergency. It also has storage space for all the tools that may be needed, plus a 500-gallon water tank with foam capability. The foam helps to smother the fire for swift knock down.

"Having the capability for a quick attack on a grass fire will allow us to put the fire out faster before it has the opportunity to spread," said Dickson.

Wall VFD receives a lot of support from their close knit community that they have been serving since 1968. The community responded with funds to cover the cost share portion of the truck purchase, allowing the department to continue to operate debt free.

"We appreciate our community and Texas A&M Forest Service who has helped us for a number of years now," said Dickson. "The grant programs that they offer have been a tremendous help, allowing us and other VFDs to receive training and update equipment to help protect and serve our communities."

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 VFDs for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasfd.com>.

