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### Quail Valley VFD receives \$200,000 grant

**SAN ANGELO, Texas** — The Texas A&M Forest Service Rural VFD Assistance grant helped Quail Valley Volunteer Fire Department purchase a new apparatus to strengthen their fleet. The new large brush truck replaces a 1970 converted military vehicle. The truck is equipped with a slip-on unit and foam system that will provide additional benefits when fighting wildland fires in their rural community.

“This truck will be of great value when fighting wildland fires,” said Shane Crimm, Quail Valley VFD President. “It is built to carry water and foam and has the ability to pump-and-roll, or it can shuttle water for other units.”

Members of the department understand the importance of having a reliable vehicle.

“The 2011 Wildcat Fire burned 159,000 acres and threatened 400 homes,” said Crimm. “That type of fire makes you appreciate having a reliable vehicle with updated equipment. If it wasn’t for TFS we wouldn’t be able to have the equipment needed to respond to fires in our community and surrounding area.”

Volunteer firefighters operate 85 percent of the fire departments in Texas. This year TFS will pass approximately \$24.3 million along to VFDs across the state. The grants aid them in purchasing equipment and obtaining vital firefighter training, giving them greater capabilities to protect life and property in their communities.

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