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Pleasant Grove VFD replaces old trucks with \$115,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service

BIG SANDY, Texas - Previously operating with older trucks that required frequent maintenance, Pleasant Grove Volunteer Fire Department upgraded to a new brush truck with the help of a grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

"We are limited on our budget and really needed to upgrade our trucks," Fire Chief Austin Padilla said. "We are retiring two older trucks that required lots of maintenance for this new truck."

The brush truck was the first brand new truck that the department had ever received.

"We put together all of our other trucks ourselves, piece by piece," Padilla said. "This new truck will benefit the community around us a lot. It is the only truck with CAFS capabilities in the entire county."

The new CAFS, or compressed air foam system, will allow the department to use a lot less water and will help responders to more efficiently fight grass and structure fires, according to Padilla.

"This is first new truck that this department has ever had," District Fire Coordinator Mike Melton said. "They won't have to worry as much about repairs and equipment breaking down. It will help them have a better response time and better protect their community."

TFS passes approximately \$12.8 million along to volunteer fire departments across the state every year, helping them purchase equipment to better protect lives and property.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

