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Ables Springs Volunteer Fire Department adds new small brush truck to fleet

TERRELL, Texas — Ables Springs VFD added a state-of-the-art brush truck to help increase the department's capacity to save property and lives.

“This will be one of our first out trucks for brush fires,” said Fire Chief Robert Irwin. “It has a lot of improvements that our other truck did not have, such as a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) 400-gallon poly water tank, scene lights and floor and compartment lighting. The lighting will be important when responding to a fire at night.”

A CAFS system is used in firefighting to deliver fire retardant foam for the purpose of extinguishing a fire or protecting unburned areas. The foam system can aid in quickly extinguishing a fire which helps limit the damage that fires can inflict and helps to increase the effectiveness of the water.

“This truck is by far the safest and most effective vehicle that we have for brush fires,” said Irwin. “It has a backup camera, hands-free communication system, two remote controlled front bumper sprayers and monitor.”

The department members received training on the new apparatus to prepare for brush fires that may occur in the rural areas.

Ables Springs VFD has been serving their community and surrounding area since 1996 and have open enrollment for anyone wishing to volunteer and be trained. To apply, go the department's website at asvfd.org or call (972) 563-9557.

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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