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Elkhart VFD receives an \$18,000 grant

ELKHART, Texas — Elkhart Volunteer Fire Department improved both its equipment and its capabilities with the help of an \$18,000 grant provided by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The Rural VFD Assistance program helped Elkhart VFD purchase a new slip-on unit with compressed air foam capabilities. It will replace an older unit.

“Having been one of the first VFDs to receive grant funds when the program was created, we hold TFS dear to our department,” said Elkhart VFD Fire Chief Randy McCoy. “Without TFS and the grants program, we would not have the funds to purchase equipment needed to serve our area.”

Texas A&M Forest Service provides eligible fire departments with programs designed to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards.

Volunteer firefighters operate 85 percent of the fire departments in Texas. This year Texas A&M Forest Service will pass approximately \$24.3 million 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.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com

