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Holland Volunteer Fire Department adds a new large brush truck to their fleet

HOLLAND, Texas — Holland Volunteer Fire Department purchased a 2018 Super Duty F750 thanks to a \$192,000 grant through the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

“This new addition to our fleet will have multipurpose capabilities,” said Assistant Fire Chief Joey Perez. “The foam system makes it capable of functioning as a wildland apparatus and also in response to structure and vehicle fires. It will give us the ability for a quick knock-down whatever the situation may be.”

Firefighting foam is used for fire suppression. It cools the fire and coats the fuel, preventing contact with oxygen. The firefighter spreads a blanket of foam on the area involved, smothering the fire and decreasing the possibility of it reigniting.

“The new large brush truck is in service and has been used several times,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator, Matthew Schlaefer. “It will be a huge asset to Holland VFD because of its ability to carry 1,000-gallons of water and the addition of a compressed air foam system, 20-gallon foam tank and bumper nozzle make the truck an-up to-date firefighting apparatus.”

According to Perez, sometimes man power can be an issue, especially when volunteers are at their regular jobs. The truck was built with that in mind and it can be used to respond to a call with just a couple of volunteers forming the firefighting crew.

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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