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Troy VFD increases capabilities with new slip-on unit

Feb. 9, 2016 — TROY, Texas — Troy Volunteer Fire Department received a \$17,000 grant from the Rural VFD Assistance Program through Texas A&M Forest Service. The grant was used to purchase a new slip-on unit with a 780 gallon water tank and a 23 horse power pump, capable of pumping 250 gallons of water per minute.

“The slip-on will greatly enhance the capabilities of our fleet,” said Troy VFD Fire Chief Justin Jackson. “The unit was mounted on a 5 ton truck and will allow the department to better access the rough terrain when fighting wildland fires.”

Having an available water source when fighting wildland fires on the farmland near Troy can be a challenge.

“The 780-gallon water tank will help to relieve concerns over water accessibility when fighting fires in the rural environment,” said Mitchell LaMonte, Texas A&M Forest Service, RFC.

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.



Jimmy Jackson, Troy VFD assistant chief and his grandson Taylor Diaz,
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