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### **Grant helps add greater capacity to Coffee City Volunteer Fire Department**

COFFEE CITY, Texas — Coffee City Volunteer Fire Department received a \$36,000 cost share grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The grant was used to purchase a slip-on unit with a compressed air foam system (CAFS).

“Our area is rural, without access to fire hydrants,” said Fire Chief Chris Moore. “This new unit with CAFS will enable a quicker delivery of fire retardant, giving the department a powerful tool for a faster knock down of a fire.”

The slip-on unit has a 300-gallon water tank and 10-gallon foam tank, can draft from a local water source making it beneficial when responding to wildland, structure or vehicle fires.

“Coffee City VFD responds to emergencies in a large area including many miles of busy highways, so this new pump package will give them an enhanced ability to respond efficiently,” Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator, Josh Bardwell.

According to Chief Moore the unit went into service upon arrival.

“The new unit was deployed the first day when a call came in for a grass fire and also for an oil rig fire,” said Moore.

Coffee City Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1969 and is staffed by volunteers. The department has open enrollment for those who would like to apply. For more information call Fire Chief Chris Moore at (903) 539-7925.

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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