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### Muenster VFD increases their capacity with a new truck

**April 14, 2016 — MUEENSTER, Texas** — The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department has a new truck, thanks to a \$44,873 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

“This truck will help update the Muenster VFD fleet, increasing their capacity to better serve the community and surrounding areas,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator John Fugitt.

The truck is a 2016 Ford F-550 cab and chassis that is replacing an older model vehicle.

“We will be adding a pump and bed to the chassis,” said Muenster Volunteer Fire Department fire Chief Mitch Creed. “This truck is bigger than our older unit and will allow our department to better serve the community because the four-wheel-drive will allow us to get to wildland fires easier.”

Muenster Volunteer Fire Department has put the new truck into service and is now turning their sights to building a new fire station since.

Chief Creed explained, “We are looking into building a new station and when we do that, we will be able to accept more volunteers.”

The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program provides funding to rural VFDs for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry-hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training. It is a cost-share program funded by the Texas State Legislature.

To learn more about this program, visit <http://texasfd.com>.



TFS, Regional Fire Coordinator John Fugitt and Fire Chief Mitch Creed