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Roxton Volunteer Fire Department receives a \$200,000 grant

Roxton, Texas - Roxton Volunteer Fire Department recently received a grant from Texas A&M Forest Service to purchase a new brush truck.

“The grant helped us replace an older 1995 truck. The new truck has four-wheel drive and a wildland deck gun/ monitor on the front bumper. It also carries 800 gallons of water that will be helpful fighting grass and brush fires,” Roxton VFD Fire Chief Niblett said.

Beyond helping with fires, this large brush truck will also be useful for other emergency responses, “ This truck is ten feet tall so it will be great for high water rescues, during times of flooding.” Said Niblett

Roxton VFD has a service area of 113 square miles. There they unselfishly serve their community and give mutual aid to the surrounding area.

“The new truck will be beneficial since the department is located in a rural area and fire hydrants are scarce. The 800 gallon tank will be valuable by enabling the department to carry water to the rural areas where grass and wildfires are common”, stated Nathan Carroll, Regional Fire Coordinator at TFS.

Over 85 percent of fire departments in the state of Texas are either completely or mostly operated by volunteers. TFS passes approximately \$12.8 million along to volunteer fire departments across the state every year, helping them purchase equipment to better protect lives and property.

TFS’s programs are awesome,” Niblett said. “Volunteer fire departments wouldn’t be able to do half as much without them. The departments certainly wouldn’t have the quality of equipment that the grants provide.”

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.



Pictured Left to Right: William Duke, Kendal Hattonville, Brent Cooper and RFC, Nathan Carroll