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### Hawley VFD replaces old brush truck with \$100,000 grant

**HAWLEY, Texas** — Texas A&M Forest Service recently awarded Hawley Volunteer Fire Department a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to replace an old 1995 model used truck.

“We didn’t have the money to do anything like this on our own,” Fire Chief Gaito Taylor said. “We needed this new equipment badly.”

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.

“The grant program is a tremendous asset for every VFD,” Taylor said. “It enables a lot of small departments to get equipment, training and other basic needs they otherwise would not be able to afford.”

The new truck comes equipped with four-wheel drive and a crew cab, so the VFD can transport more personnel to not only serve the approximately 600 square miles in their district, but also to mutual aid for other areas.

“Hawley was operating with a bunch of older trucks,” Regional Fire Coordinator Charles Tice said. “Whenever they received this grant from us they were able to obtain a new truck to help with their response times and cover their area much better.”

To learn more about this program visit [texasfd.com](http://texasfd.com).

