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## New tanker for White Hall VFD will help provide better fire protection for Grimes County

**NAVASOTA, Texas** — A \$200,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service enabled White Hall Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a new tanker to help the VFD cover its nearly 50 square miles of response area.

“We don’t have a surplus of equipment, and there isn’t a water supply out in the rural areas,” Fire Chief Freeman Vickers said. “The new truck will carry 3,000 gallons of water that is essential in protecting our 263 structures, including Camp Allen.”

Updated equipment and proper training coupled with the support of the surrounding community helps the VFD offer the best fire service possible, according to Vickers.

“We are working to help keep our volunteer fire services, like White Hall VFD, strong both now and into the future,” Regional Fire Coordinator Justin Graf said.

An approximated one-third of the U.S. population is protected by volunteer-run fire departments. Here in Texas, 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.

“I would like to thank TFS for offering programs that allow us to fulfill our motto, ‘Proudly Serving Grimes County’,” Vickers said.

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



Pictured Left to Right: Freeman Vickers, Fire Chief, Charles Falco, Department President, Justin Graf, TFS RFC