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New chassis built to serve Loyal Valley Volunteer Fire Department

MASON, Texas — Loyal Valley Volunteer Fire Department received a \$45,000 cost share grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. The funds were used to help purchase a new Ram 3500 truck chassis with a custom built bed to accommodate the growing needs of the department.

“This truck has a 300-gallon water tank and will be used for quick attack on wildland fires,” said fire Chief and VFD founder John Byerley. “The truck was also equipped with large storage areas that will house medical and rescue equipment. Our large response area is very rural and includes U.S. Highway 87, so it is important for our volunteers to have the skills and tools needed for extrication and trauma as well as firefighting.”

According to Byerley the truck will be a great benefit and will allow them to respond quickly and effectively.

“We really appreciate the grant programs offered by the Texas A&M Forest service,” said Byerley. “The programs have been very helpful to us, especially the FEPP and FFP military truck programs. They have allowed us to continue to keep our doors open since we were established in September 2011.”

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.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasfd.com>.

