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Grant from Texas A&M Forest Service gives Wellman VFD new truck to replace '81 model

WELLMAN, Texas - A \$200,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service enabled Wellman Volunteer Fire Department to retire an old 1981 model fire truck with the addition of a brand new brush truck.

"We are funded partly through the county but our city is not connected to our fire department in any way, so all of our trucks have to be supplied on our own," Wellman VFD Fire Chief James Harlan said. "The grant allowed us to upgrade to a truck that we never would have been able to get otherwise."

The new truck comes equipped with four wheel drive, twice as much water storage capacity, and air-pack seats in the cab, all features the old truck did not have.

"This truck is not just for one specific type of scene, it is multi-purpose," Regional Fire Coordinator Cody Holloway said. "It will give them better capabilities to more efficiently respond to multiple types of calls."

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.

"This program is extremely valuable for small, rural departments such as our own," Harlan said. "A large portion of the equipment we have acquired would not have been possible if it hadn't been for TFS. The county and town has benefitted tremendously from this program."

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.



Pictured Left to Right: Cliff Neill, Gabe Neill, Cutter James Harlan, Barrett Brown and TFS Regional Fire Coordinator, Cody Holloway