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New truck for Southside Place VFD will increase safety and efficiency

HOUSTON, Texas — Southside Place Volunteer Fire Department now has a new brush truck thanks to a \$200,000 grant administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

For Southside Place VFD, being nested within a small community makes funding for needed equipment difficult to come by.

“TFS has been very helpful to us in attaining this equipment, it is quite expensive for a small department like ours,” Fire Chief Michael Pack said.

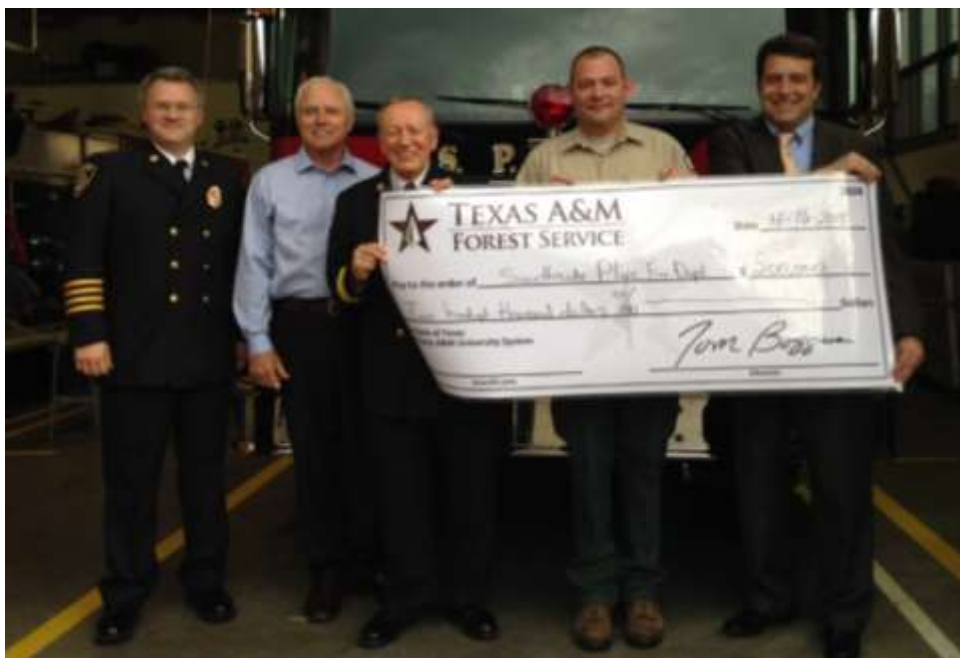
The new brush truck replaced a 26-year-old truck that was unsafe for the volunteers.

“All the firefighters can now ride inside the truck instead of being in the open elements,” Pack said. “The new truck has a larger water tank with computerized pumps, better warning lights and audible signals. It also drives easier and has auto transmission, power steering and power brakes.”

The department serves about 50,000 people, as well as offering mutual aid to two other communities - Bellaire and West University Place.

Over 85 percent of fire departments in the state of Texas are either completely or mostly operated by volunteers. TFS proudly partners with these departments to help them better protect lives and property through grants for training, protective gear, rescue equipment and trucks.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.



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