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Dime Box Volunteer Fire Department receives small brush truck

DIME BOX, Texas — The Dime Box Volunteer Fire Department of Lee County received a \$110,000 grant through the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program to purchase a small brush truck.

The truck will be used to fight wildland fires as well as traffic control and general response. The truck is fully equipped to be an initial attack response vehicle.

Rick Foster, a board member of the Dime Box Volunteer Fire Department, said the grant program was instrumental in adding a dependable piece of equipment to the department's fleet. The truck will help in recruitment of volunteers while improving response time and increasing firefighter safety, he said.

The truck has already proven valuable to the department after being used to respond to a hay baler fire, a structure fire, a traffic accident and a funeral procession.

As a member agency of the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M Forest Service administers the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program and is committed to protecting lives, property and natural resources. The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is funded by the Texas Legislature and provides cost-share 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.

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