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Liberty Chapel VFD upgrades truck with grant from Texas A&M Forest Service

CLEBURNE, Texas - Liberty Chapel Volunteer Fire Department recently updated one of its trucks with a new slip-on unit and small compressed air foam (CAF) system with the help of a \$38,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service.

The department previously purchased a new truck, but wanted to put a larger tank and CAF unit on it, said Liberty Chapel VFD Fire Chief Jerry Sanders.

"This system will replace an old tank and pump that we had that didn't have foam," Sanders said. "We wanted to upgrade to this new unit so we could use it fight larger fires."

The new CAF system will benefit the department especially when fighting smaller, more contained fires.

"With this system, we will be able to go into smaller contained fires and use the foam CAF unit," Sanders said. "This will use a lot less water, and won't damage the property as much."

TFS Resource Specialist Keith Vaughan said the new unit and CAF system is a lot nicer than what the VFD had been working with.

"It will help them not only be able to use a smaller truck on structure fires as well as wild land fires, but using foam also saves a ton of water and helps put the fire out a lot faster," Vaughan said.

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.

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