

Sunset VFD receives \$10,000 grant for new equipment

SUNSET, Texas – With help from Texas A&M Forest Service, the 20-member Sunset Volunteer Fire Department received funding to purchase a new slip-on unit for one of their fire trucks.

“The pump they were using was worn down,” Tyler Raynes, TFS Regional Fire Coordinator said. “It’s a small department that’s not in a very populated county, so the money wasn’t really there for them. Having the grant is something that really helps them and their department.”

The new slip-on unit replaced an older unit that was purchased used about 4 years ago. The new unit gives the fire truck foam capability, a technology that will help the water supply go further when fighting fires.

“The grant came at a perfect time because we were starting to have a lot of problems with the old unit,” Sunset fire chief Alan Campbell said. “We operate on donations alone, so we couldn’t come up with the kind of money needed to purchase a new unit.”

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.

“What TFS does is amazing,” Campbell said. “It’s tough out there if you’re a small department. Without the TFS grants, departments like ours would be doing without this much needed equipment.”

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