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Converted military truck strengthens Corrigan VFD's fleet

June 30, 2016 — CORRIGAN, Texas — A converted military vehicle is giving the Corrigan Volunteer Fire Department some extra firefighting power.

The VFD received the vehicle from the Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program, administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The Corrigan volunteers had 180 days to convert the five-ton military truck into a service-ready firefighting apparatus.

“The Texas prison system painted the truck fire engine red and reupholstered the interior,” Corrigan VFD Chief John Cobb said.

The department also received a \$19,700 grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program to fund a slip-on unit for the back of the truck.

A slip-on unit is a complete, self-contained firefighting apparatus designed for a pick-up truck or custom built vehicle platform. It is intended to become a fast, initial-attack firefighting component used for wildland firefighting, structure and automobile fires.

“This slip-on has a 1,000-gallon tank with a 23 horsepower pump and will be used for wildland fires and structure fires. Actually, any type of fire that happens outside the city,” Cobb said.

Four of Corrigan's six trucks have come from Texas A&M Forest Service assistance programs.

“TFS plays an extremely important role in equipment and training for VFDs. Some departments would not exist without their help,” Cobb said.

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to protecting lives and property through its various fire department assistance programs. For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasfd.com>.

