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### Eastex Freeway VFD receives grant for brush truck with versatility

**HUMBLE, Texas** — A \$100,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service enabled Eastex Freeway Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a wildland apparatus. The brush truck is a four-door vehicle built to carry additional manpower and is equipped with a 300-gallon water tank, 10-gallon foam tank and 240 gallons per minute pump.

“The addition of this engine will help Eastex Freeway VFD have a greater resource to fight wildland fires,” said TFS Regional Fire Coordinator, Jeremy Wagner.

The new vehicle will deliver maximum capability, giving the department better access to the difficult terrain in their service area.

“We have several areas in our territory that are prone to flooding,” said Eastex Freeway Fire Chief Robert Bryan Harris. “We will use this vehicle during high water events since it has a six inch body lift for greater ground clearance.”

Volunteer firefighters operate 85 percent of the fire departments in Texas. This year TFS will pass approximately \$24.3 million along to VFDs across the state. The grants aid them in purchasing equipment and obtaining vital firefighter training, giving them greater capabilities to protect life and property in their communities.

“The TFS grant program is a lifesaver for many of the smaller fire departments,” said Harris. “They offer grants for much needed equipment, gear and training.”

To learn more about this program visit [texasfd.com](http://texasfd.com)



*Pictured holding the big check: Al Sterkx, VFD Training Officer, Jeremy Wagner, TFS, RFC*