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Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department adds new small brush truck to fleet

AZLE, Texas — Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department accepts a \$100,000 cost share grant to help purchase a 2019 small brush truck. The grant was awarded through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“Silver Creek VFDs new brush truck carries 25 percent more water and is more reliable than the small brush truck it is replacing,” said Parker County ESD 1 Fire Chief Stephen Watson. “It is currently being up-fitted with communications and fire equipment and when completed will serve as first response for medical calls. We expect it to be in service the week of April 15.”

Small brush trucks are designed for response to wildland fires and are beneficial in giving relief to the larger fire apparatus when calls come in for medical or non-structure fires.

According to Watson the truck's 4-wheel-drive will give the apparatus needed off-road capability in times of wildland fires.

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to protecting lives and property through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a cost share program funded by Texas State Legislature and administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides 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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