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### **Clute Fire Rescue updates equipment with \$126,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service**

**CLUTE, Texas** — Thanks to a \$126,000 grant from Texas A&M Forest Service, Clute Fire Rescue can now retire an older truck with its newly updated combination vehicle.

The cost-share grant administered by TFS went toward purchasing a large brush truck chassis and a new slip-on unit with a compressed air foam system.

“We were in need of an urban and wildland piece of equipment,” Fire Chief Mike Doucet said. “We are always looking for ways to better serve our community, and we felt that the truck chassis with the skid unit would increase our potential to fight both urban and brush fires.”

The new unit brings CVFD many updated capabilities to use when fighting fires.

“The skid unit has an 800-gallon tank and foam capabilities,” Doucet said. “It allows us to stay at the fire longer without having to replenish our water supply.”

Over 85 percent of fire departments in the state of Texas are either completely or mostly operated by volunteers. 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.

“The programs TFS offers enables VFDs to gain equipment that has better technology and better meet the future needs of our community,” Doucet said.

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



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