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**La Junta VFD receives equipment to help suppress wildfire in their community**

**SPRINGTOWN, Texas-** La Junta Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$17,325 grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service for a slip on unit. This unit will replace a 13-year-old pump previously built by the volunteers. It will include a 400-gallon water tank, 10-gallon foam tank, 23hp pump, Class A foam system, 100 foot hose reel, storage compartments and remote pump controls. La Junta VFD worked in cooperation with Parker County ESD 1 to install the equipment on a new truck chassis. The VFD handles between 900 and 1,000 calls for service annually, with frequent wildland urban interface challenges. This new equipment will assist in quick response to mitigate wildfire threats in the La Junta community and Parker County.

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.

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