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Maydelle Volunteer Fire Department adds new tender to fleet

JACKSONVILLE, Texas — The Maydelle Volunteer Fire Department received a \$200,000 cost share grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service. The grant was used to help purchase a new water tender.

“Our department faced a challenge of water shortage,” said Fire Chief Jody Gray. “This new 2019 Freightliner with a 1,000-gallon water capacity and 10-gallon foam unit will help to alleviate that challenge.”

The new 2019 water tender also has a foam injector, side dump valve and spray monitor.

“The truck is compact and will be easy to maneuver and work off of,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Resource Specialist Murphy Milligan.

The tender will help to meet the needs of the department as they serve their 76 square-mile service area.

“The grant programs that Texas A&M Forest Service offers to small rural volunteer fire departments are a very valuable asset,” said Gray.

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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