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Union Valley VFD adds a quick response vehicle to their fleet

ROYCE CITY, Texas – Thanks to a \$100,000 grant Union Valley VFD now has a new brush truck in their fleet. The cost share grant is through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“Our department is very grateful to have a new, reliable 2020 response apparatus that was designed by five of our department members,” said Fire Chief Wayne Clark. “This truck has greater ease of mobility and will be our first out, carrying four firefighters.”

The brush truck has a 400-gallon poly water tank, cascade foam system, front bumper spray nozzles, a winch and four-wheel-drive.

“The terrain in our area can be a challenge at times since there is a lot of farm and rural areas,” said Clark. “Our fire responses are largely grass and pasture fires and as our responsibility grows with the current population growth it is good to be able to replace our 2003 truck that didn’t have all the new upgrades that are so helpful to firefighters.”

Union Valley Volunteer Fire Department is grateful for community support.

“This year we were limited with our fund raisers, but we appreciate the community support when we had the photo shoots and boot drives,” said Clark. “Those donations help the department maintain necessary equipment. We also appreciate Texas A&M Forest Service for making the grant programs possible. They are the bread and butter for so many volunteer fire departments.”

Fire Chief Clark and 19 volunteer members offer fire service covering 58-square-miles. The department has open enrollment for volunteers and welcomes new members who wish to donate their time and be trained in proper fire response. To apply visit the department’s website at <http://www.unionvalleyvfd.com/> or go by the fire station on Saturday or Tuesday after 6 p.m. and meet everyone and learn about the application process. The department is located at 7965 FM 1565 in Royce City

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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