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Greenwood-Slidell VFD broadens capabilities with new skid unit

SLIDELL, Texas — Greenwood-Slidell Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$18,000 grant to go toward the purchase of a slip-on unit through Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural VFD Assistance Program.

"The new slip-on unit is acting as a replacement to an older piece of equipment," Fire Chief Adam North said. "Having a fully functional and up-to-date piece of equipment puts us in a better position as compared to our older slip-on unit which was less than reliable."

Beginning this September, the slip-on unit will assist the department in protecting their 190 square mile service area.

"This unit allows us 400 gallons of water for an initial attack on a wildfire," North said. "This will prove valuable when responding to wildfires of a catastrophic magnitude."

Over 85 percent of fire departments in Texas are either completely or mostly operated by volunteers. TFS passes approximately \$12.8 million along to volunteer fire departments across the state each year, helping them purchase equipment to better protect lives and property.

"We are truly grateful for the funds we have received through this program," North said. "If not for it, our department would not be near as safe or have the equipment necessary to fight fires."

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

