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Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department's new truck utilized immediately

MIDLAND, Texas – Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department received a \$200,000 cost share grant through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

“This truck has been in service since day one,” said Northeast Midland County VFD Assistant Fire Chief Zack Czelada. “Three hours after we got the truck it was put to work. We were called to a 300-acre fire and having an apparatus that can hold a large quantity of water is very valuable in getting the fire under control.”

The truck has a 1,500-gallon water tank and foam capability. The department will be having a special fund raiser to help equip the truck with firefighting tools. Those interested in making a donation can visit their website at northeastvfd.com/donate.

“Our department responded to 15 fires on July 4th weekend alone,” said Czelada. “We are very pleased to have a truck that will be so beneficial in wildland firefighting but can also function as a dual purpose apparatus used to haul water to the scene of a structure fire.”

Volunteer fire departments make up over 70 percent of the first line of defense for communities in Texas. Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department is manned completely by volunteers.

“Our department has been serving this community and surrounding area since 1984 and we wish to thank the Midland County residents and officials for their continual support,” said Czelada.

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.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasfd.com> .

