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Potosi Volunteer Fire Department Receives Grant for New Apparatus

Abilene, TX - December 10, 2010- Potosi Volunteer Fire Department has received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. The grant was lodged with FEMA in spring of 2010 and announcement of awards began in mid-November.

The award will assist the fire department with the purchase of a new brush firefighting apparatus. The grant provides 95 percent of the total cost of the vehicle, which is approximately \$135,000. The remainder must be raised by Potosi Volunteer Fire Department. The department estimates that they will have to raise approximately \$10,000 for the cost share and any additional costs of putting the vehicle in service.

So far, FEMA has awarded 93 fire departments in the country. Potosi Volunteer Fire Department was the third fire department in the state and the first vehicle in the state to be awarded. Texas has been granted \$240,163 in awards so far. Furthermore, Potosi VFD was the fourth fire department in the country to receive a vehicle in the 2010 awards.

Potosi VFD will now spend the next few months specifying the vehicle, bidding those specifications, and choosing a manufacturer. The vehicle will likely be in service sometime during summer 2011.

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