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## **BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE GIVES DALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT \$23,000 DONATION**

(DALE, TEXAS) – Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, in partnership with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), awarded a \$23,000 Community Development Partnership Grant to the Dale Volunteer Fire Department (DVFD), which will be used to purchase a much-needed ‘First Response Brush Truck’.

“Bluebonnet is built on the Foundation Values of Safety, Respect, Love, Courage, Reliability and Community” said Joyce Buckner, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative community representative for the Lockhart area, “With this grant, Bluebonnet and LCRA are demonstrating their commitment to helping the Dale Volunteer Fire Department put those Foundation Values into action as they protect the people who depend on them.”

The Dale Volunteer Fire Department is need of a “First Response Brush Truck”, to be the first vehicle responding to grass/brush fires, structure fires and other fire calls in order to contain and/or extinguish fires until other units arrive at a scene. This truck will not only be used in the Dale fire district, which is approximately 54 square miles, serving approximately 3,000 people, but will also be used as mutual aid to other Caldwell County fire districts and neighboring Bastrop County.

“The new brush truck will be a light-weight, fast-response vehicle that will get us to a scene quicker,” stated Gerald Roberts, Dale VFD Treasurer, “When dealing with brush or grass fires, time is of the essence, getting to a scene quickly will help us to save lives, as well as property. Thanks to Bluebonnet and LCRA’s generous grant, we will be able to purchase a vehicle and equipment we would otherwise not be able to afford.”

The Community Development Partnership Program provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and LCRA electrical and water service areas as part of their effort to give back to the communities they serve.

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative owns and maintains about 11,000 miles of power lines, located across more than 3,800 square miles within 14 Southeastern Texas counties. Bluebonnet's service area stretches from Travis to Washington County and from Milam down to Gonzales County. For more information about Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative go to [www.bluebonnetelectric.coop](http://www.bluebonnetelectric.coop).

Front row-Barbara Turner(Bluebonnet), David Brooks, Gerald Roberts, Treasurer, Amuel Wier  
Second Row-Linda Brooks, Mike Kloss, Tommy Frizell(Bluebonnet), Bob Barron, Gene Chambliss, Joyce Buckner(Bluebonnet), Rick Arnic(LCRA), Amanda Correll, Blake Corell

