

## Media Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Bland County Announces New Fire Pumper for Hollybrook-Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department**

**Bland, Virginia — March 5, 2026** — Bland County has announced the addition of a new International Pierce fire pumper truck for the Hollybrook-Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department, strengthening emergency response capabilities and fire protection services for the community. The truck was purchased through a grant from the AEP Foundation to help ensure volunteer firefighters have dependable equipment to serve residents across the county.

County Administrator Cameron Burton emphasized the importance of continuing to invest in emergency services equipment. “It’s imperative that we continually work to improve our fleet of emergency services vehicles. Our volunteer firefighters need dependable, updated equipment to ensure their safety and the safety of our communities,” Burton said.

Hollybrook-Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department Chief Everett Rose expressed appreciation for the county’s continued support. “We’re very thankful to the Bland County Board of Supervisors for their continued support of all our fire departments. Volunteer Fire Departments are an important part of every community. We’re proud of this organization,” Rose said.

Burton also highlighted the importance of the grant partnership. “I can’t thank the AEP Foundation enough for the grant funds that made this purchase possible. The AEP Foundation has been an incredible partner to Bland County,” she said.

Mechanicsburg District Supervisor Randy Johnson added, “Our fire departments depend on volunteers, donations, and grants to meet the needs of our communities. We thank them for their tremendous effort and encourage the community to join, support, or donate.”

The Hollybrook-Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by volunteers who provide fire protection and emergency response services to residents in the Hollybrook and Mechanicsburg areas of Bland County.



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