

RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Volunteer fire departments are the state's first line of defense against wildfires with response areas covering 89% of the state. They provide essential front-line emergency services that directly protect Texans and the state's natural resources every day.

TOTAL IMPACT for FY2005 - FY2023

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM GRANTS helped save



*8.5 Billion
in Property Values



73,907 Homes

THE ASK:

\$44m FOR THE BIENNIUM

Funding this request will help equip, empower, and support the state's first responders. The requested funding will allow Texas A&M Forest Service to provide more life-saving rescue equipment, gear and training to departments.

Since 2002, Texas A&M Forest Service's Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program has provided:



***350 Million** to Volunteer Fire Departments



13,995

Equipment and Personal Protective Gear Grants



2,184 Fire Engines



102,953 Training Tuition Grants



The current amount of <u>Unfunded Volunteer</u>
Fire Department
Grant Requests is
\$170 Million.

