## Capacity Building At A Glance

### Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604)
- Launched in 2001 by House Bill 2604
- Provides grants to rural VFDs for firefighting vehicles, fire/rescue equipment, protective clothing, computer systems, dry hydrants, and firefighter training
- Currently funded at $17,276,394 million per year

### Volunteer Fire Assistance Funds: Federal funds used by RVFDAP
- FY 2022: $910,771.83
- Inception through FY22: $10,890,679.23

### Emergency Grants (through RVFDAP):
- Available for states of disaster (replacement/repair of damaged or lost equipment) and catastrophic losses (cost-share apparatus or other HB 2604 program elements, or repair/replacement of essential equipment)
- FY 2022: $732,557.10
- Inception through FY22: $1,491,749.30

### DoD Firefighter Property (FFP) Program
- Launched in 2010
- Provides excess Department of Defense military property to VFDs. Ownership of the equipment is passed from the federal government to the fire department.
- FY 2022: $7,563,069.08
- Inception through FY22: $99,580,473.16

### Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program
- Established in 1949, launched in Texas in 1975
- Provides excess federal property on loan at no cost to VFDs
- Actively Assigned Property:
  - FY 2022: 239 Communities, 349 Assets, $14,986,584.49
  - Inception through FY22: 6,262 Communities, 6307 Assets, $97,111,895.47

### Helping Hands Program
- Launched in 1997 by House Bill 680
- Allows donations of used fire/rescue equipment, fire trucks, and other items to be made available to VFDs while relieving donors of liability
- FY 2022: $2,470,638.00
- Inception through FY22: $35,458,046.90

### Rural VFD Insurance Program (HB 3667)
- Launched in 2001 by House Bill 3667
- Reimburses eligible VFDs for insurance (workers’ comp., death/disability, accident/sickness, etc.) from private Texas insurance companies
- Reimburses 100% of the actual cost, up to a maximum of $185 per fire department member
- Funded by a 2% sales tax on the sale of fireworks
- Application period: November 1 - July 31
- FY 2022: 13,993 Firefighters, 591 Departments, $2,074,888.94
- Inception through FY22: 249,105 Firefighters, 9,914 Departments, $24,189,169.21

### Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grants Program
- Launched in 2009
- Provides grants to career fire departments and non-2604 eligible VFDs for firefighting vehicles and training tuitions
- Currently funded at $1 million per year from insurance maintenance taxes/fees
- FY 2022: 132 Tuition Grants, 536 Trainees, 3 Fire Apparatus, $983,375.07
- Inception through FY22: 2,185 Tuition Grants, 9,630 Trainees, 58 Fire Apparatus, $12,650,568.45

### VFD Motor Vehicle Self Insurance Program (Risk Pool)
- Launched in 1995 by Senate Bill 1232
- Provides low cost vehicle liability insurance, $75/vehicle/year
- Coverage levels: $100k per person for bodily injury, max $300k per occurrence; $100k for property damage, max $100k per occurrence
- FY 2022: 150 VFDs, 651 Vehicles
- Inception through FY22: 660 VFDs, 5,335 Vehicles

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