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Hart Volunteer Fire Department purchases large brush truck

HART, Texas — The Hart Volunteer Fire Department of Castro County received a \$220,000 grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program to purchase a large brush truck. The 2022 Freightliner has a 1,500-gallon tank.

The primary function of the brush truck will be to fight brush fires, and to provide mutual aid assistance to departments in surrounding counties. It will also be used in structure fires outside of city limits and will allow more personnel to work on putting out fires.

Hart Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the community of Hart, Castro County and the Texas A&M Forest Service. “This grant would not have happened without the support of everyone around us,” said George Chapa, Hart VFD Assistant Chief.

Hart Volunteer Fire Department is recruiting members that will be dedicated and willing to serve and protect their community.

As a member agency of the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M Forest Service administers the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program and is committed to protecting lives, property and natural resources. The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is funded by the Texas Legislature and provides cost-share funding to rural volunteer fire departments for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry hydrants, computer systems and firefighter training.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, visit [texasfd.com](https://www.texasfd.com).

