



Valley Fire & Rescue

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Valley Fire & Rescue Receives \$10,000 Grant from State Farm® to Purchase Drone Equipment

Donation made in collaboration with the National Volunteer Fire Council and announced in time for Volunteer Firefighters Recognition Day.

Valley Fire & Rescue is excited to announce that it is one of 150 volunteer fire departments across the nation to receive a \$10,000 grant through the State Farm® Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program. In collaboration with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), State Farm has awarded \$1.5 million in grants to help local fire departments obtain needed equipment to increase their responders' safety, effectiveness and ability to serve their community. With this grant, Valley Fire & Rescue will be able to purchase a training drone and training for drone operators for our Drone Task Force.

This valuable grant will allow us to fund FAA Part 107 drone operator training, NIST drone operator training, and a low-cost training drone for the first Drone Task Force in Mason County. Our Drone Task Force covers areas within one and a half hours of our station covering an estimated 800,000 people.

“Our firefighters are dedicated to answering the call, no matter the hour or circumstance, this drone training will give them another way to help our community and areas surrounding our community” said Chief Zachary Adkins “Ensuring they have the right equipment and tools is essential to keeping them safe and effective on the job. This generous support from State Farm and the National Volunteer Fire Council will help us better protect both our responders and our community.

This is the second year of the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program. Volunteer fire departments are essential to public safety, especially in rural and small-town communities. However, many operate with limited budgets and struggle to secure the funding for critical equipment. These grants are a lifeline for local departments to obtain equipment that will increase safety, efficiency and effectiveness.





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In addition to the grants, State Farm also provided the first 2,000 applicants with a one-year membership to the NVFC – the leading association representing the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services – so they have access to additional tools, resources, and training to support their continued success.

Learn more about the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program at

www.nvfc.org/statefarm.

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About the National Volunteer Fire Council The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides critical resources, programs, education, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at www.nvfc.org.

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