

**TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE
PROGRAM PROCEDURES**

Applicant Rating Guide for Rural VFD Assistance Program

Fire department applications are assigned a numerical rating based upon rating criteria described in the applicant rating guide below. Applications are also eligible for bonus points based upon the age of the application. Beginning 12 months after a truck application is received, 0.5 bonus points are added each month to the application's rating number.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE APPLICANT RATING GUIDE

Criteria
Number of Years the Department Has Been In Existence
Size of the Primary 911 Protection Area
Population of the Primary 911 Protection Area
Distance To the Nearest Viable Mutual Aid Department
County Wildfire Exposure Classification