

# *Town of Brownville Fire Department*

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## **Brownville Fire Department Receives \$10,000 Grant from State Farm® to Purchase Needed Equipment**

Just in time for Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, Brownville Fire Department is excited to announce that it is one of 100 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 million in grants to help local departments obtain needed equipment to increase their responders' safety, effectiveness and ability to serve their community.

With this grant, Brownville Fire Department will be able to purchase replacement structural fire attack hose as well as large diameter water supply hose. Due to the significant cost associated with purchasing fire hose, it has been a significant number of years since our community has been able to replace much of the fire hose that we carry and utilize, this will allow us to bring all of our hose in compliance with the applicable state and NFPA regulations.

“Our firefighters work hard to protect our community – helping their neighbors on their worst day. It is critical that we are able to provide these dedicated volunteers with the tools and resources they need to do their job safely and effectively,” said Chief Shawn Mitchell “Thanks to this donation from State Farm and the National Volunteer Fire Council, we will be better equipped and prepared so we can respond at our best”.

This is the inaugural year of the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program. Volunteer fire departments play a critical role in protecting communities across the country, especially small towns and rural areas. However, they often operate on tight budgets and struggle to find the funding for needed equipment. In collaboration with the NVFC, State Farm aimed to award 50 grants to local fire departments. However, the overwhelming response prompted State Farm to double its commitment to 100 grants, benefiting even more local departments and communities.

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State Farm also provided all applicants with a 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 help them thrive.

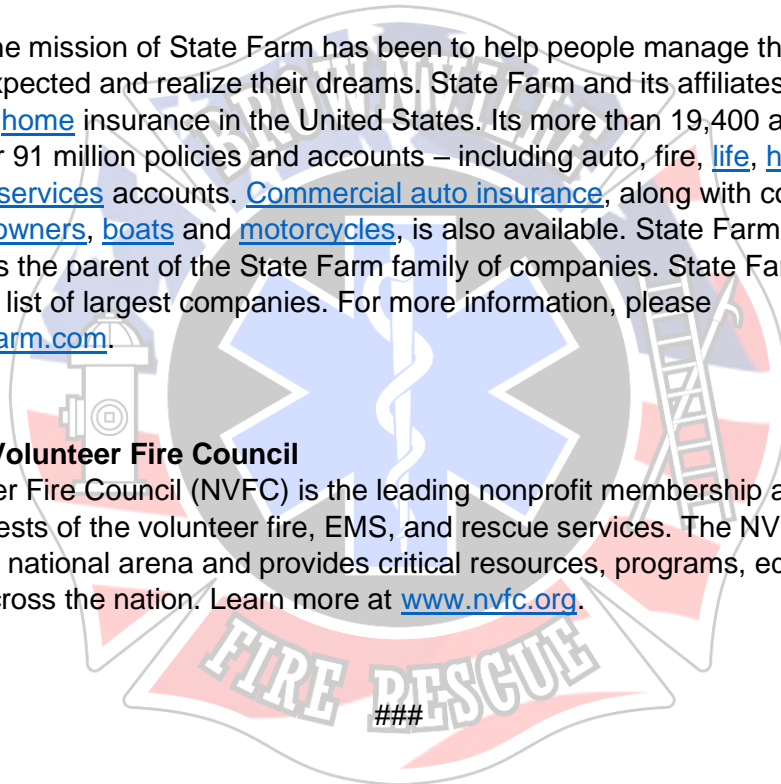
Learn more about the State Farm Good Neighbor Firefighter Safety Program at [www.nvfc.org/statefarm](http://www.nvfc.org/statefarm).

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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](http://www.nvfc.org).



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