

**Galveston Fire Department
Standard Operating Procedure
#1500.03 Brush Trucks**

Fire Chief _____

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Brush Truck

The purpose of this SOP is to address the use and staffing of the Brush Trucks. The trucks will be unmanned and maintained at Station #5 & #8. The radio ID for these units will be Brush 5 & Brush 8. If the crew members are talking to each other via radio, they will use Brush 5B or C & Brush 8B or C in accordance with GFD SOP 1600.01.

Capabilities

Brush 5 is equipped with a Hale HPX 200B Pump, 400 Gallon Tank, Class A FOAM, 9,000lbs wench and a variety of tools and portable equipment. Personnel staffing the truck will need to take their assigned Portable radio.

Brush 8 is equipped with a 150 GPM pump, 300 gallon water tank, 5 gallons of Class A foam, 150ft or booster hose, 9000lb wench and capabilities to carry a stokes basket. Personnel staffing the truck will need to take their assigned Portable radio.

Staffing for Responses

These Brush truck may be requested and deployed for grass fires, vehicle fires inside parking garages, off road rescue situations, beach related emergencies where travel by vehicle is necessary and mutual aid to other county departments upon request. Brush 5 is subject to State Mutual aid deployments.

Brush 5 shall be staffed by the crew of Rescue 5 for local responses. In the event Rescue 5 personnel are not available, one member of any other company may drive the vehicle to a scene. In this situation, Rescue 5 should meet Brush 5 at that scene when possible and assume responsibility for that apparatus. Staffing for State responses will be as directed by Fire Administration.

Brush 8 should be manned with one member of Engine 8. For responses in Station 7 or 8's district, Engine 8 will respond with Brush 8. For responses east of Station 7's district, one member of Brush 8 will respond and Engine 8 will remain in district as a three person company.

Care & Maintenance

Brush 5 will be maintained by the Rescue crew. Brush 8 will be maintained by Engine 8's crew. Both trucks need to be inspected each morning in the same manner as all other units are. When the truck is used, it needs to be cleaned, all hose and equipment cleaned and reloaded, refueled and the water tank re-filled before being placed in reserve again.