

TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS)



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HISTORY


- Created by state law in 2007
- First deployed 2008
- Operated through the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS)
- Funded and approved by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)



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HISTORY

- Guided by a Stakeholder Group
- Operated by local fire department personnel serving as Branch Resource Coordinators
- Staffed by local firefighters



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ALL RISK – ALL HAZARD INTEGRATED STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID RESPONSE




Hurricanes	Wildfires	Tornados
Floods	Fire Dept. Support	Other

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ROLES

- **Local Fire Departments are the Initial and Extended Attack Forces**
- **Texas Forest Service reinforces local fire departments**



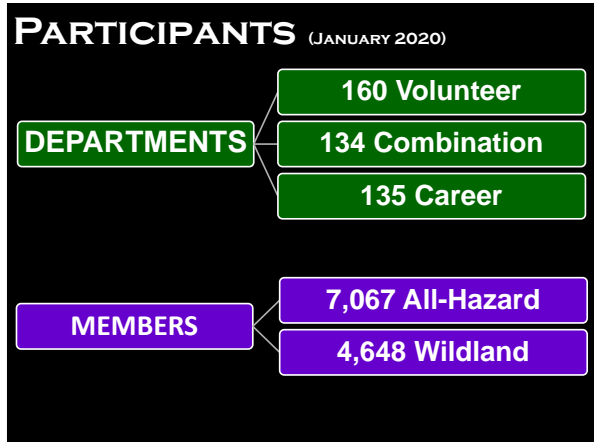
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ROLES

- **TIFMAS provides a “ready reserve” for local departments during emergencies**
- **Federal & State agencies reinforce TFS**



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QUALIFICATIONS

- All Hazards/Structural
- Industrial/Specialized
- Wildland

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ALL HAZARDS

- SFFMA Accredited FF I/II or Advanced
- TCFP Basic FF

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WILDLAND

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WILDLAND

Apparatus	Personnel
Type I/II Engine	3-4
Type III Engine	3-5
Type VI Engine	2-3
Strike Team or Task Force Leader	1-2
Tender	2-5

*Arduous Work Capacity (Pack) Test required for all Wildland Assignments Effective 01/01/2021

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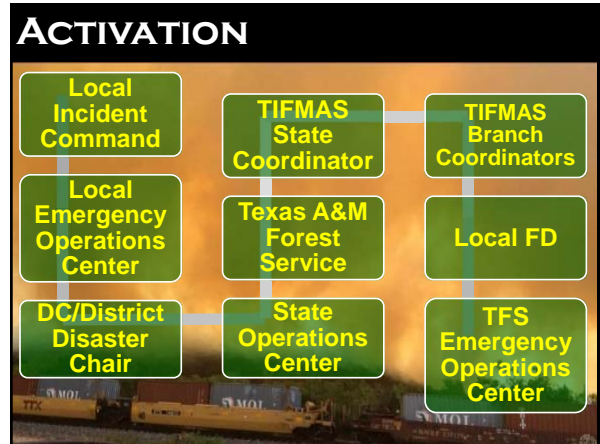
CAPABILITIES (WILDLAND)

On the busiest day in 2011, TIFMAS had 30 Strike Teams deployed across Texas.

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TIFMAS BRANCH RESOURCE COORDINATORS

HALL COORDINATOR: Chief Keith Kopyinger, Houston FD, 281-999-2341

DANHALL: Lee Danahall, Lubbock FD, 806-793-3113

YLITZ: Michael Ylitz, Midland FD, 432-488-7300

NORTHWEST: Asst. Chief Donald Hughes, Wichita Falls FD, 817-264-4880

NORELL: Deputy Chief Kyle Mills, Pecos FD, 951-214-5274

LAKE: Fire Marshal Michael Thomas, Mesquite Lake FD, 951-214-5274

SOUTH-CENTRAL: Chief Cesar Arreola, Pecos Fire FD, 951-204-8014

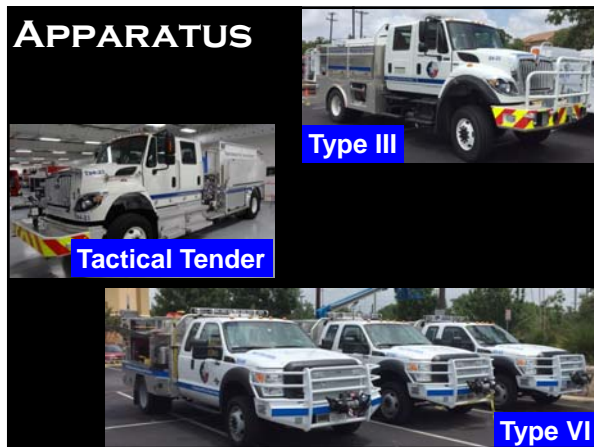
CENTRAL: Chief Z. Wang, CWI, IED FD (TENDER), 817-204-5534 ext. 214

SOUTH: Chief Kade Long, Schertz Fire Department, 281-419-1313

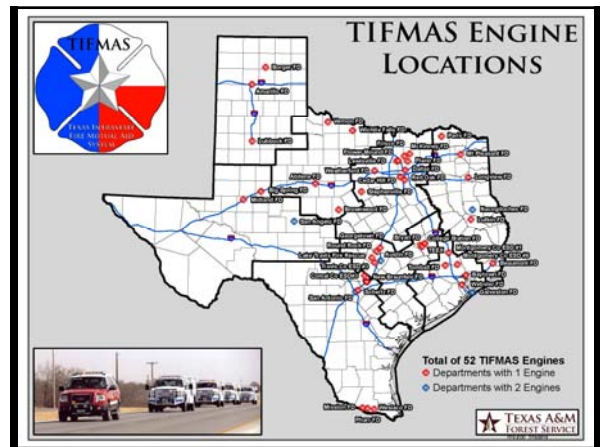
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WILDLAND CACHE

Nacogdoches 100 Person	Austin 100 Person
Midland 25 Person	McKinney 25 Person

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Individual
Departments

Partnering
Departments

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Recognized TIFMAS Qualifications

- All Hazards (Structural)
- Industrial (see Business Manual for requirements)
- Basic Wildland (FFTII)
- Engine Operator (ENOP)*
- Basic Faller (FAL3)*
- Wildland Firefighter I (FFI/ICT5)
- Engine Boss (ENGB)

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Recognized TIFMAS Qualifications, cont.

- Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4)
- Strike Team Leader (STEN)
- Task Force Leader (TFLD)
- Division / Group Supervisor (DIVS)

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WHY PARTICIPATE?

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- What kind of real life, hands-on training do your personnel receive for major disasters / incidents?
- IF you could pay for that kind of training, how much do you think it would cost?
- If a disaster or significant incident occurs, what real life experiences do your personnel have to fall back on?

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DEPLOYMENT

- Deployments are for a minimum of seven (7) days, which can be extended another seven (7) based on response needs and with home agency approval
- Wildland deployments require personnel to be self-sufficient for three (3) days (tents, food/MREs, etc.)

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REIMBURSEMENTS

All Deployments are now reimbursed "Portal-to-Portal"

- Reimbursed for all hours from time deployment begins to time returned to home unit
- Vehicles are reimbursed based on actual hours worked (NO fuel)

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REIMBURSEMENTS

- Includes up to two hours prior to deployment for preparation
- Includes up to two hours after return for returning equipment to service
- Includes "Backfill" for normal shift when a minimum staffing policy is in place

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REIMBURSEMENTS

- Resources returning to their home base with regularly scheduled shift the day of return or the day following their return
- Additional backfill not to exceed 24 hours will be granted
- Insures proper rest for firefighters

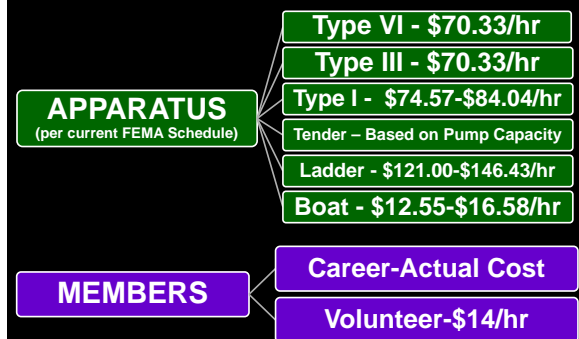
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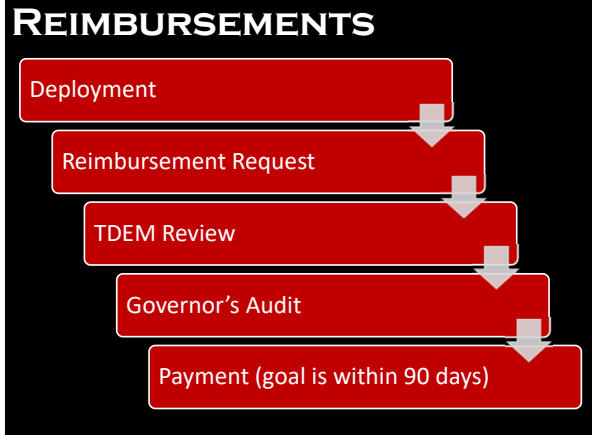
- Per Diem follows local agency guidelines
- The TIFMAS Business Manual provides a guideline if the local agency does not have one

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REIMBURSEMENTS



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TIFMAS BRANCH RESOURCE COORDINATORS

Region	Coordinator Name	Title	Contact Info
SMALL COORDINATOR	Chief Keith Kistinger	Newspaper FD	kistingerk@newspaperfire.com 940-676-2341
INDEPENDIBLE	Lisa James	Lubbock FD	ljames@lubbockfd.com 806-765-3713
TEXAS	Michael Tully	Mohamud FD	mtully@mohamudfire.com 432-685-7330
SOUTHERN	Chief Wade Long	Schertz Fire Department	klong@schertz.com 214-476-1313
NORTHWEST	Chief Donald Hughes	Wichita Falls FD	donald.hughes@wichitafallsfire.com 817-631-8983
NORTH	Deputy Chief Kyle Mills	Prince FD	kmills@princefire.com 972-714-5779
EAST	Fire Marshal Michael Brown	Newspaper FD	mrbrown@newspaperfire.com 972-676-2379
SOUTH CENTRAL	Chief Carter Johnson	Prince Fire FD	carjohn@princefire.com 972-266-4874
CENTRAL	Chief JJ Wang	Chillicothe FD (TX2043)	jwang@chillicothe.org 937-288-9338 ext. 214

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2020 TIFMAS Symposium

College Station
May 26 - 31

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