

<h1>TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS)</h1>	
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<h2>HISTORY</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•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

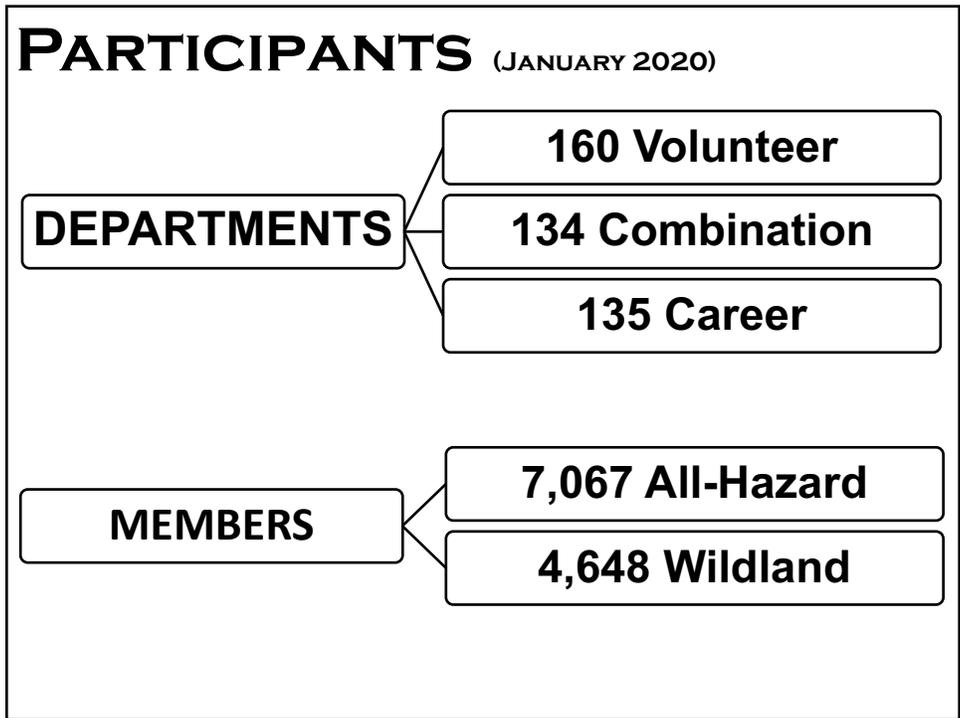
- **Local Fire Departments are the Initial and Extended Attack Forces**
- **Texas Forest Service reinforces local fire departments**

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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

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
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.**



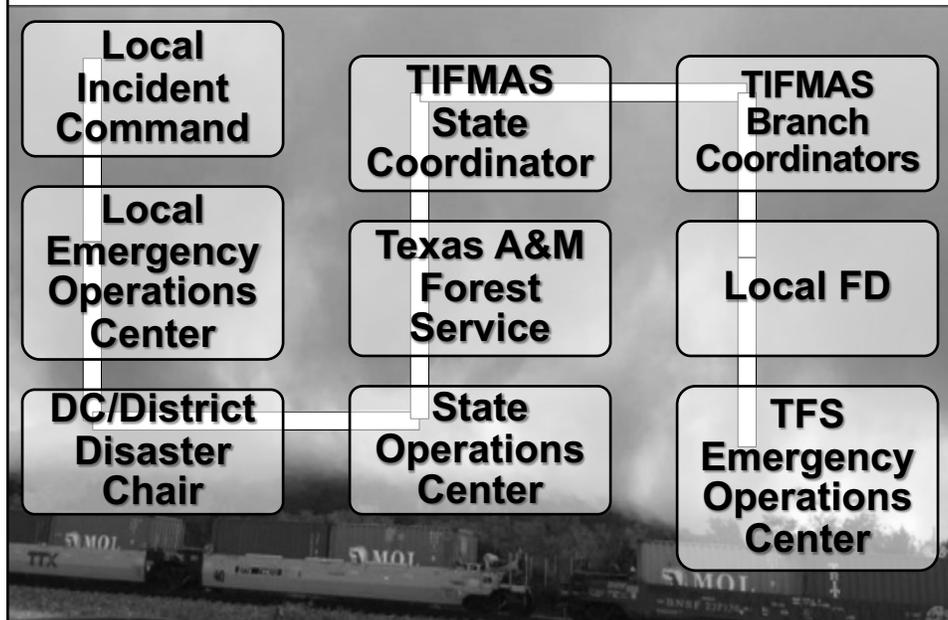
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CAPABILITIES (HARVEY)

**TIFMAS deployed
985 personnel and
296 pieces of
equipment to the
Texas Gulf coast.**

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ACTIVATION



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GRANTS

Tiered Response to Wildfires Departments not eligible for 2604

\$800,000
Apparatus

\$200,000
Training

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APPARATUS



Tactical Tender

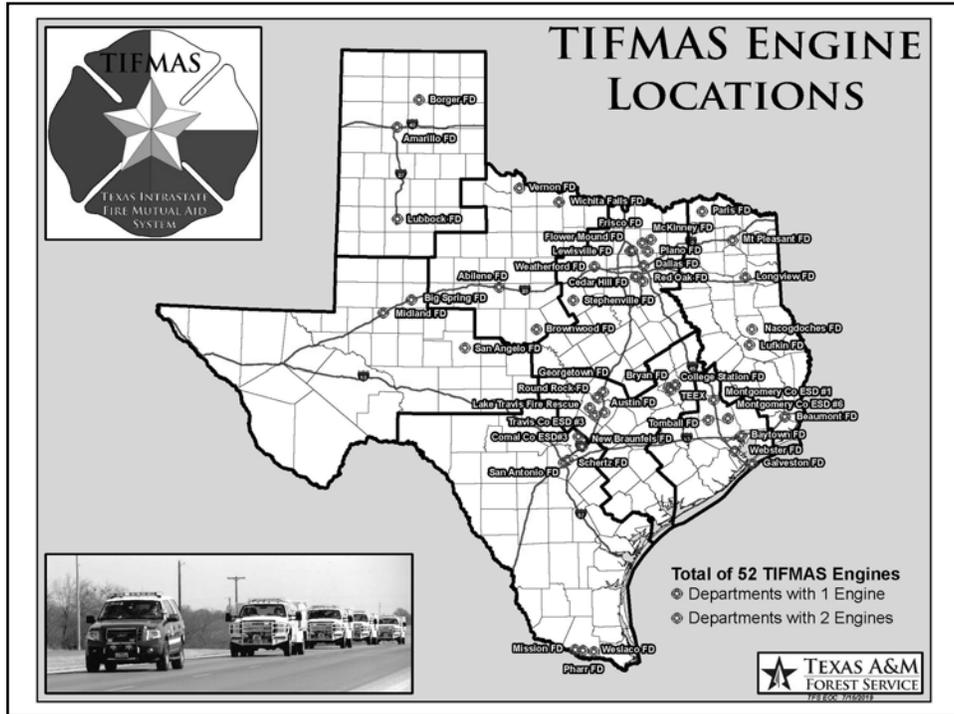


Type III



Type VI

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WILDLAND CACHE

Tiered Response to Wildfires

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?

- 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

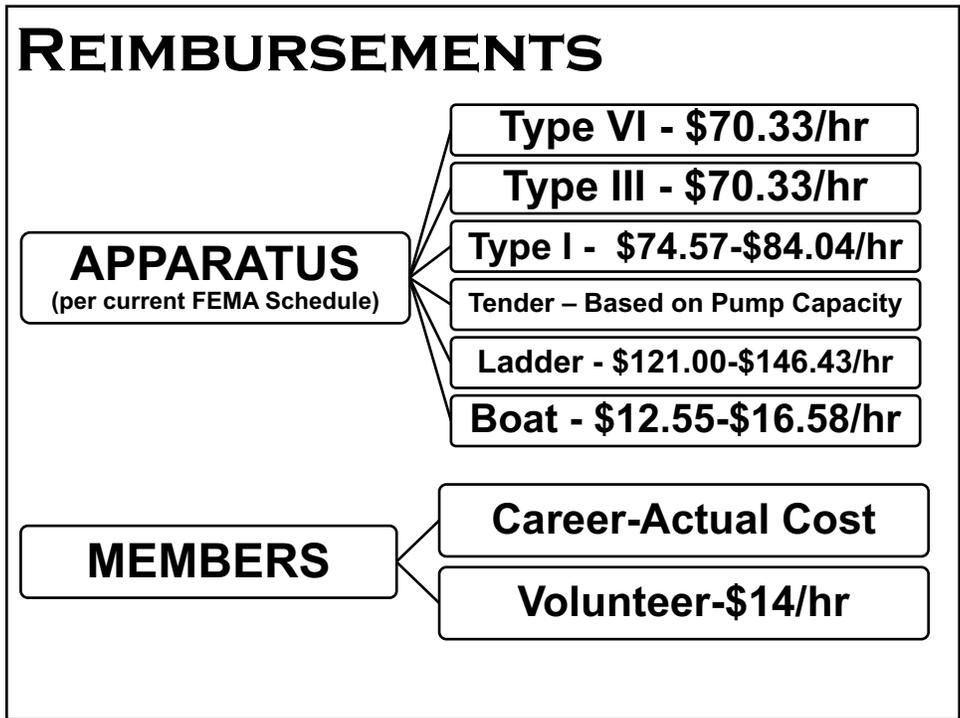
- Resources returning to their home base with regularly scheduled shift the day of return or the day following their return
- Additional backfill not to exceed 24 hours will be granted
- Insures proper rest for firefighters

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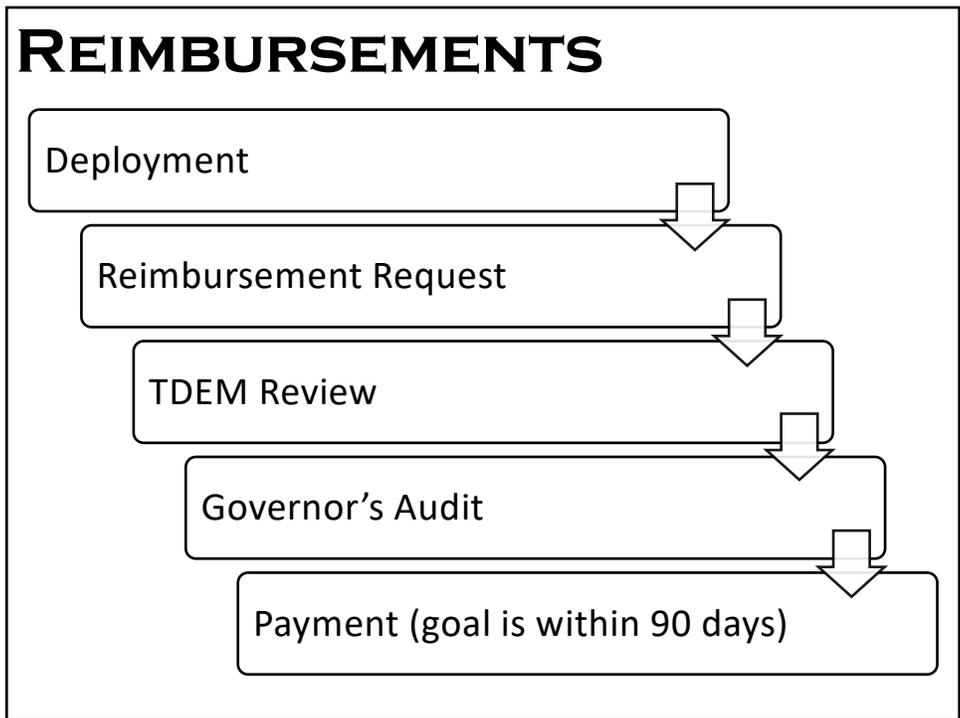
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- Per Diem follows local agency guidelines
- The TIFMAS Business Manual provides a guideline if the local agency does not have one

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