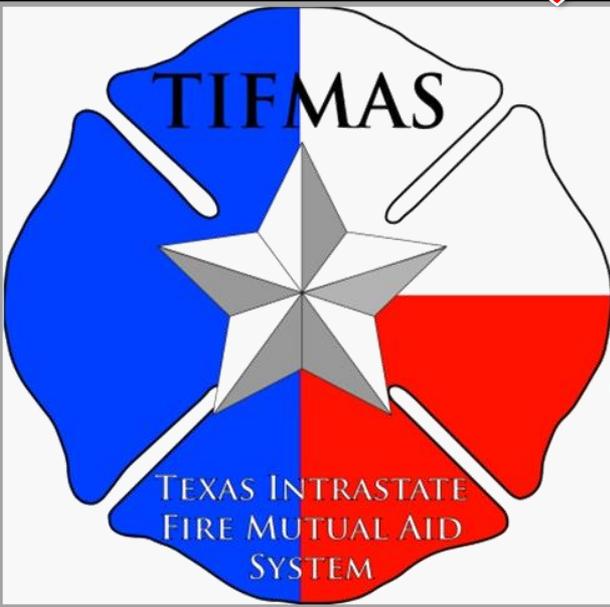


TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS)



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HISTORY

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

HISTORY

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



ALL RISK – ALL HAZARD INTEGRATED STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID RESPONSE



Hurricanes

Wildfires

Tornados

Floods

**Fire Dept.
Support**

Other

ROLES



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

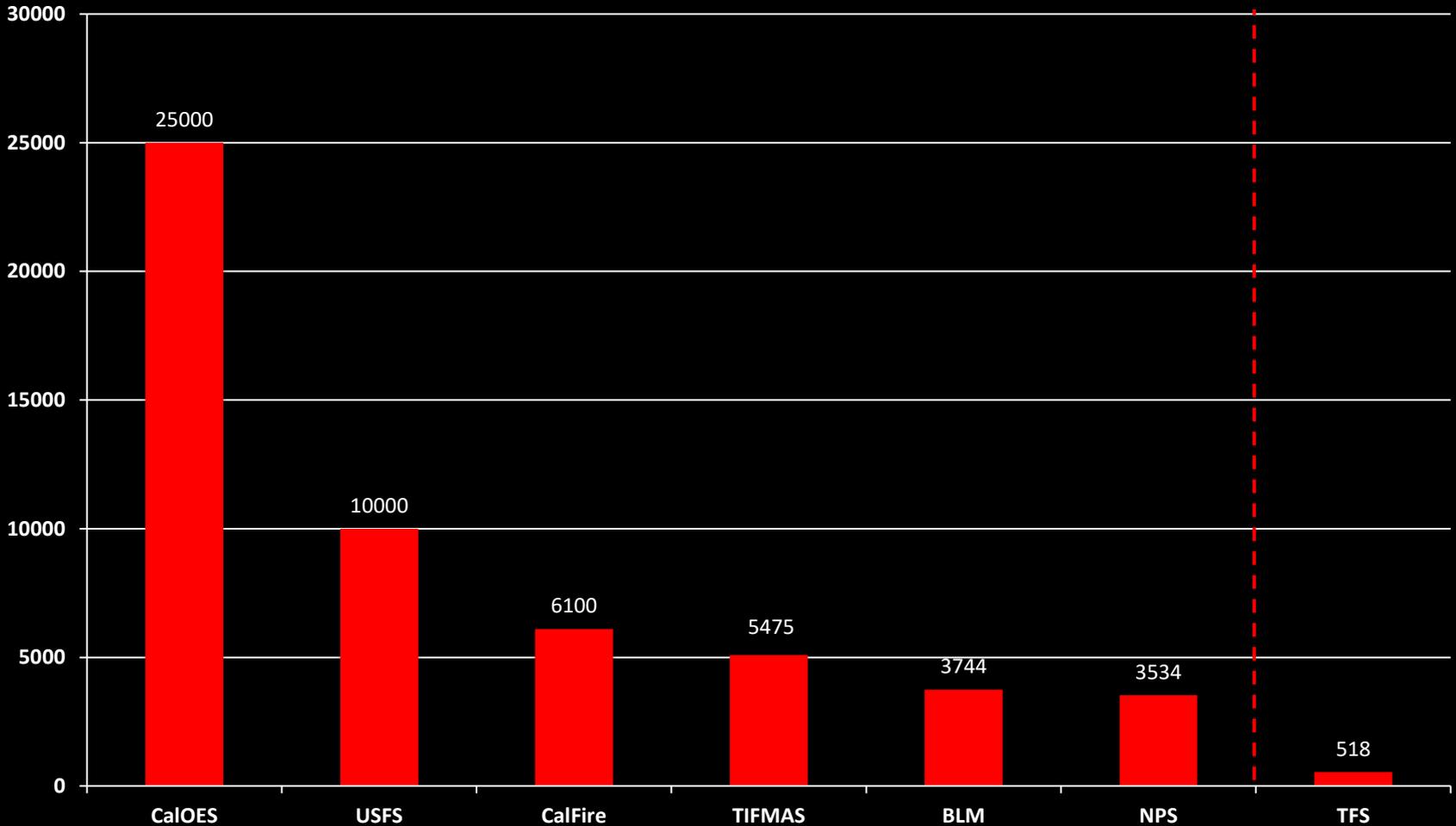
ROLES



- **TIFMAS provides a “ready reserve” for local departments through TAMFS and TDEM during emergencies**
- **Federal & State agencies reinforce TAMFS**

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

Credentialed/Authorized FTE Firefighters



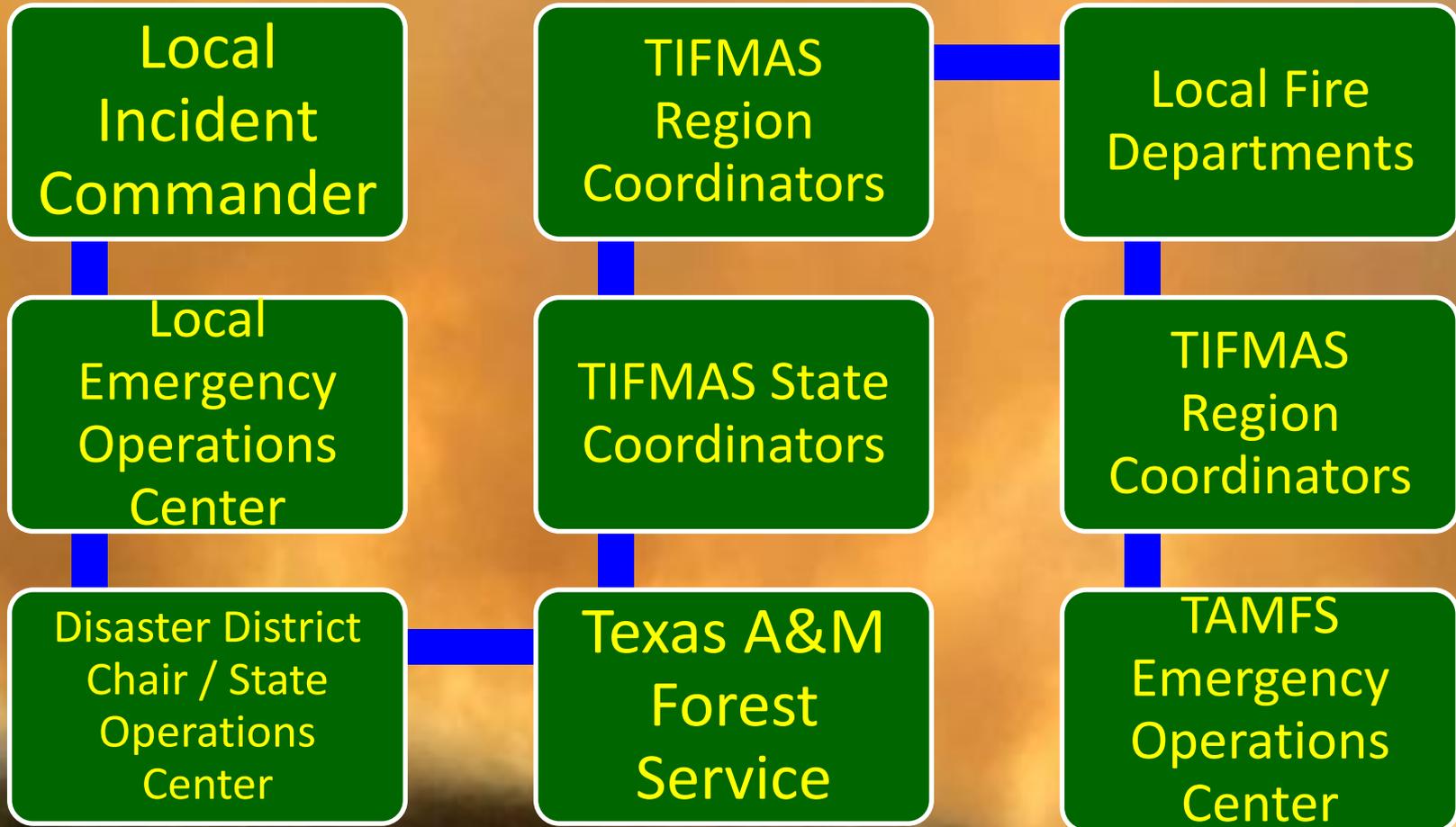
ALL HAZARDS

**SFFMA
Accredited
FF I/II or
Advanced**

**TCFP
Basic FF**



ACTIVATION



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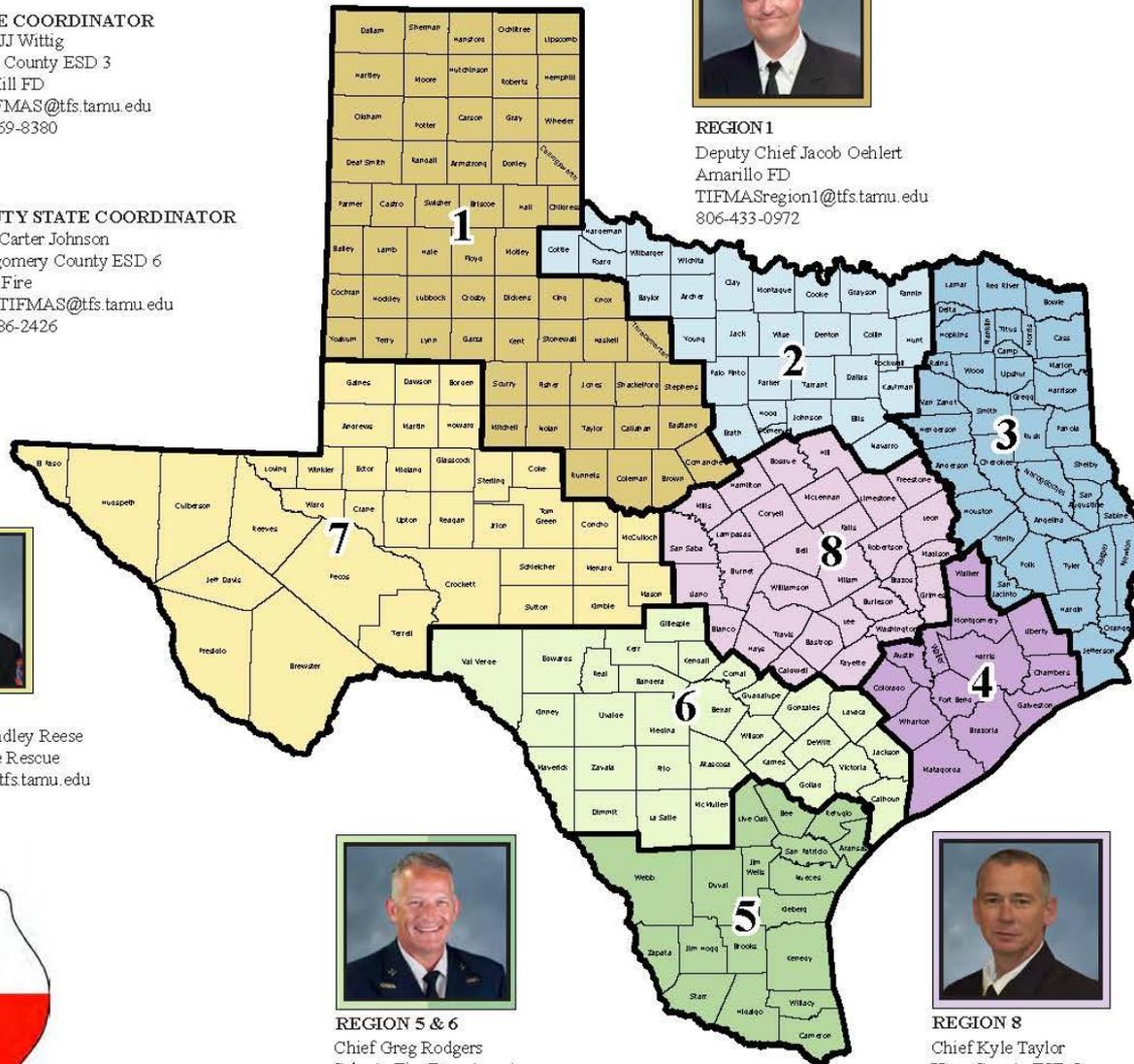
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GRANTS

For departments not eligible for 2604



APPARATUS



Type III



Tactical Tender



Type VI

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Individual
Departments

Partnering
Departments



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?

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- If a disaster or significant incident occurs, what real life experiences do your personnel have to fall back on?
- And...
- Because we can truly make a difference



What's Next?

One MOU
to rule
them all

Break

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS MANUAL

Requirements Effective January 1, 2025

- Work Capacity (Pack) Test at level prescribed in NWCG PMS 310-1
- Engine Boss (ENGB) Taskbooks are now reviewed by the Incident Qualifications Certification Council (IQCC)
- RT-130 and WCT must be completed annually between February 15 and May 15

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS MANUAL

Requirements Effective January 1, 2025

- TAMFS now signs off in the Agency Certification block
- After certifying as FFT2 (S-130/S-190/L-180), minimum of 10 operational periods on a wildfire or prescribed fire must be documented *prior* to opening the next operational position taskbook (FFT1, ICT5, DZOP, ENOP)

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS MANUAL

Requirements Effective January 1, 2025

- Taskbooks can be open for six years after date of initiation (or date of first evaluation if significant time has passed since initiation)
- Submissions are via Survey123 if in the Red Card transition process, which is now open to ALL fire departments

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS MANUAL

NEWEST Requirements Effective January 1, 2026

- ICS-225 form must be emailed to TAMFS if not associated with a Task Book
- For an ICS-225 to maintain currency, performance must occur while working in the role, not just deployed on an incident AND must be a positive evaluation
- Next Generation (NextGen) Taskbooks are being released
 - Changes to training course numbers
 - Changes to documentation procedure and evaluations

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS MANUAL

NEWEST Requirements Effective January 1, 2026

- FFT1 and ICT5
- Heavy Equipment Certification Committee
- Training pre-approval required for non-TAMFS virtual classes

DEPLOYMENT

- Deployments are for a minimum of 7 workdays, but 14 days are preferred
- This can be extended another 7 days based on response needs and with home agency approval

*Travel days not included

DEPLOYMENT

- Personnel required to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 3 days (tents, food/MREs, etc.)

*This applies to both Wildland and All-Hazards deployments

WILDLAND

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Minimum Qualifications</u>
Type I/II Engine	3-4	One ENGB(t) or higher, others with Basic Wildland
Type III Engine	3-5	One ENGB(t) or higher, others with Basic Wildland
Type VI Engine	2-3	One ENGB(t) or higher, others with Basic Wildland
Strike Team or Task Force Leader	2 (1 trainee)	One STEN or TFLD and one trainee/assistant
Tender	2-5	One ENGB(t) or higher, others with Basic Wildland

***Arduous Pack Test required for most of these positions**

REIMBURSEMENTS

All Deployments are reimbursed
“Portal-to-Portal”

- Labor reimbursed for all hours from time deployment begins to time returned to home unit
- Vehicles are reimbursed based on actual hours worked (NO fuel or other maintenance items)

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

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
- Ensures proper rest and safety for firefighters

REIMBURSEMENTS

- Per Diem follows local agency guidelines
- The TIFMAS Business Manual provides a model guideline if the local agency does not have one
- Be consistent when developing policies

REIMBURSEMENTS

- Now includes a 90-day deadline from demobilization to submit reimbursement
- *Administrative Cost Recovery*
(automatic 5% of reimbursement package)

REIMBURSEMENTS

APPARATUS
(per current FEMA Schedule)

MEMBERS

Career-Actual Cost

Volunteer-\$14/hr

RECENT SUCCESSES

- Incremental adjustments to qualifications
- Adjustment of Work Capacity Test to match national standard
- Prepositioning to aid in the reduction of wildland fire intensity and damage

RECENT SUCCESSES

- All-Hazards responses keep resources available and engaged while providing enhanced services to communities
- Workers' Compensation coverage
- 5% Administrative Cost Recovery reimbursement added

CONTINUING CHALLENGES

- Increased qualification requirements causing a constriction in deployable resources (STEN, ENGB, WCT)
- All-Hazards Qualifications (saw work, team lead/paperwork, standardized qualifications)
- Apparatus costs and build schedule

2026 TIFMAS Symposium

**August 31 - September 4
Waco, TX**

The background of the image shows a fire truck driving away on a road. In the distance, a large fire is burning, with thick white smoke rising into a blue sky with some clouds. The text is overlaid on this scene.

TIFMAS

Texas Firefighters

Helping

Texas Firefighters

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- A listserv feature is available on the TIFMAS.org website to update you on qualifications standards and TIFMAS training opportunities

**TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM**

TIFMAS (Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System) is maintained by Texas A&M Forest local resources. The program was first used during Hurricane Ike, and has since been u

TIFMAS Info Listserv / Distribution List
If you wish to receive information and updates about TIFMAS training and qualifications just a blank email to that address (example email below).

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