

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



## TIFMAS Grant Assistance Program

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TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE WILL IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES/AMENDMENTS TO THE TIFMAS GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015:

### TRAINING TUITION

Cost-share assistance for Training Tuition has increased. The new reimbursement rate is 100 percent of the actual cost of tuition not to exceed \$125 per day up to a maximum of \$625 per trainee per school. The annual maximum for Training Tuition grant assistance per department is \$12,500.

### ELIGIBILITY (APPARATUS)

Eligible fire departments are now required to meet the training qualifications as defined in the most recent version of the TIFMAS Business Manual in order to be considered for an apparatus award.

### EMERGENCY GRANTS

The emergency grant component for personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus has been eliminated.

### APPARATUS GRANTS

The first objective of the TIFMAS Apparatus Grant Assistance Program is to acquire fire and rescue apparatus to respond to statewide emergencies. In FY 2016, branch allocations will be adjusted to achieve statewide program goals.