2015 Fire Department Photo Contest

Official Contest Rules

Contest Period

Be a part of the first ever Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) Capacity Building Department (CPBD) 2015 Photo Contest.

The CPBD 2015 Photo Contest begins on September 1, 2015 and all entries must be submitted by December 1, 2015. (The Contest Period)

Eligibility

The contest is open to all amateur photographers.

You do not have to make a purchase, payment or pay an entry fee to enter or to win. The contest is subject to all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and is void where prohibited.

Entry Terms and Conditions

The aim of the contest is to obtain original photographs from amateur photographers. TFS may publish the photographs on Facebook and possibly in other forms.

Each individual may submit up to three photographs highlighting some aspect of their fire department’s partnership with Texas A&M Forest Service from one of the categories below:

- DoD Firefighter Property Program
- Fire Quench
- Firesafe Program
- Helping Hands Program
- Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604)
- Rural VFD Insurance Program (HB 3667)
- TIFMAS Grant Assistance Program
- VFD Motor Vehicle Self Insurance Program
- Wildfire Training
Each potential winner will have only one photograph selected.

You must take the following steps to enter the contest.

1. Download and complete the 2015 Fire Department Photo Contest Entry Form.
2. Read the Official Contest Rules.
3. Email the completed form and uploaded photo to fdphotos@tfs.tamu.edu (Each photo entered requires a separate entry form, limit three submission per entrant.)

NOTE: TFS reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be, obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate for viewing by a general audience.

Photo Specifications

No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this contest. All photographs must be high resolution at least 300 dpi JPEG or .jpg.

Permission to Use Entry Photography

By entering the contest, each entrant certifies that they own the image, or have proper authority to grant TFS rights to the image. Each entrant also agrees that TFS may publish his or her captioned photograph and exhibit, copy, publish, make derivative works from or otherwise use his or her entry photograph and other entry materials for any purpose, in any media, in perpetuity, without limitation or compensation.

Judging

A panel of judges will judge all eligible contest entries. All decisions of the contest judges will be final and binding in all respects. The judging will be based on the following criteria: artistic quality, and the relationship of the photograph’s subject to the Fire Department Assistance Programs. In the event of a tie, the photograph with the higher artistic quality will win. Winners will be notified on or about December 15, 2015. TFS’s inability to contact a winner may result in that winner’s disqualification and the selection of a substitute winner from among all remaining eligible entries. The decision of the judges is final. TFS, CPBD assumes no responsibility for submissions.
General Conditions

- Your entry in this contest constitutes your consent to be bound by these official rules and decisions of TFS, CPBD and the contest judges, and to the use of your entry information and your photography in accordance with the official rules and the terms and conditions stated on the official contest entry form.
- By entering the contest, you further agree to release and hold harmless TFS and all of the respective directors, officers, employees and agents, from any and all liability, claims, injuries, losses or damages of any kind arising from or in connection with your participation in the contest. TFS, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate this contest if it determines in its sole discretion that tampering, fraud, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of TFS has corrupted, compromised or impaired the security, integrity, fairness or proper operation of the contest.
- All personal information received through your entry into this contest will be governed by TFS’s privacy policy.

Prizes

TFS Capacity Building Department will select a minimum of nine winners in the first 2015 Fire Department Photo Contest. Each individual entrant may have only one photograph selected. Winners will be featured in a promotional calendar highlighting TFS programs and associated success stories. All winners will receive a copy of the 2016 CPBD Calendar.

Winner’s List

The 2015 Contest Winners’ names will be made available online at texasfd.com on or about December 15, 2015.