

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

TIFMAS Grant Assistance Program -- Updated 10/16/14



TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE WILL IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES/AMENDMENTS TO THE TIFMAS GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2014:

ELIGIBILITY

Grants under this program are available only to the following organizations:

- 1) Career fire departments that have no volunteer members and that are staffed with paid employees only.
- 2) Chartered part-paid / part-volunteer fire departments operated on a not-for-profit basis, having more than 20 paid members.

Clarification: Paid members are calculated based on the number of full-time paid and part-paid positions. Two part-paid positions are equivalent to one full-time paid position.

TRAINING TUITION

Cost-share assistance for Training Tuition has increased. The new reimbursement rate is 100% of the actual cost of tuition not to exceed **\$122 per day** up to a maximum of \$610 per trainee. The maximum grant assistance per school per department is \$6,100. The ANNUAL MAXIMUM for all Training Tuition assistance per department is \$12,000.

TIFMAS APPARATUS

All outstanding requests for TIFMAS Apparatus have been consolidated into a maximum of two requests per applicant, dependent upon a previous apparatus award and/or the number of outstanding applications on file. The consolidated requests utilize the oldest related application date so that longevity points are maintained. The selection of an apparatus type will no longer be required at the point of application. Upon award, applicants will be offered an apparatus type aimed at meeting the strategic needs of the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System.