

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System

The TIFMAS Grant Assistance Program was retained by the 85th Texas legislature with grant funding set at \$1 million per year.

### **Texas A&M Forest Service will implement the following changes to the TIFMAS Grant Assistance Program effective Sept. 1, 2017:**

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

In an effort to streamline the application process, applications for equipment and training tuition have been separated. The new applications can be found on our website: [TexasFD.com](http://TexasFD.com). Please use these new applications when applying for assistance or requesting revisions.

**Old applications will no longer be accepted after January 1, 2018.**

#### **APPARATUS RATING CRITERIA:**

- In consultation with TIFMAS stakeholder groups, the apparatus rating guidelines have been updated to better meet the need of the TIFMAS program. The updated guidelines can be found on our website:

[TexasFD.com](http://TexasFD.com)

- Personnel's service as a TIFMAS Branch Resource Coordinator may now be included in an applicant department's total of Verifiable Record of Past Statewide Deployment.

#### **TRAINING TUITION GRANTS:**

Based on suggestions from the TIFMAS stakeholder group, courses and conferences eligible for tuition reimbursement have been refined in an effort to stretch state grant dollars and better meet the needs of TIFMAS. The updated Training Tuition guidelines can also be found on our website:

[TexasFD.com](http://TexasFD.com)

#### **REMINDERS!**

- An application for assistance stays on file for consideration until the request is funded, or until the department withdraws the request.
- A department may update their contact & department information any time by submitting a Revision Request form.

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