



Welcome to the 14th Annual Central Texas Wildfire Academy

Sponsored by the Texas A&M Forest Service and
hosted by the Dam Volunteer Fire Department



DATE: February 11 - 15, 2015

LOCATION:

Camp Bowie Training Site, Brownwood, TX
5611 FM 45S
Brownwood, TX 76801

COST:

All courses are \$20/day

Training tuition grants are available through HB2604 and TIFMAS. For more information, please contact the Grant Department at 979-458-6505.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BEFORE TRAINING BEGINS.**

Registration begins November 24, 2014. Early registration is encouraged, as class size is limited. Payment must be made prior to attending the class. Registrations are due by 1700 on February 6th, 2015. Substitutions are welcome by close of registration; however walk-ins will not be accepted because of limited class size.

CHECK-IN:

For S-130/190: begins at 1700 on Feb 10th, then again at 0700 on Feb 11th

For Mini Engine Academy: begins at 1600 on Feb 13th

All other classes: begins at 1600 on Feb 13th, then again at 0700 on Feb 14th

LODGING:

Barracks are available on the base on a first come, first serve basis. If this is the option you choose, please bring blankets and sheets, or sleeping bag, and pillow. Don't forget to bring toiletries and towels.

MEALS:

\$15/day for meals or \$7.50/meal (breakfast and lunch) - make checks payable to Dam VFD and bring to check-in (SEPARATE FROM TUITION)
Dinner will be provided on Saturday, Feb 14th ONLY for \$10/plate.

This event will provide training to volunteer and agency wildland firefighters. The Central Texas Wildfire Academy is striving to offer a variety of training for all those dedicated to protecting lives and property.

The Texas Interagency Wildfire and Incident Management Academies provide training to wildland firefighters from Texas and through the United States to meet National Wildfire Coordination Group Standards. The Capital Area Academy, held in Bastrop, Texas during the month of October, and the East Texas Academy, during the month of May in Lufkin, Texas, provide classroom and "hands-on" training to more than 800 students in firefighting, supervisory, and prevention techniques.

Coming Soon

(all dates tentative)

East Texas Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy
Angelina College - Lufkin, TX
May 27 - June 5, 2015

Capital Area Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy
Camp Swift - Bastrop, TX
October 16 - 29, 2015

Check the following website for more details in the coming months...

<http://ticc.tamu.edu/Training/training.htm>

For information regarding registration and payment, please contact:

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For other specific academy inquiries, please contact either:

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Our Mission:

To enhance the Wildland Firefighters' knowledge, utilizing NWCG standards to promote safe and cost effective operations.

Participants MUST be 18 years old in order to take courses.

February 9, 2015
(Exhibit #1)

Class Descriptions

S-130/190 Basic Firefighter Training

February 11 - 15, 2015

0800 - 1700

This introductory course is designed to train entry-level firefighters. The student will gain an understanding of the basic incident management organization, firefighting techniques, suppression equipment, safety, strategy/tactics, along with basic fire behavior. Field exercises will be performed for valuable hands-on training. This course is designed for entry-level firefighters.

*Prerequisite(s): NONE

**Limited to 40 students

LIVE FIRE EXERCISE!! Scheduled for February 15th, full PPE is required to participate. This includes nomex shirt and pants (or coveralls), leather gloves, eye protection, helmet, leather boots, fire pack, and fire shelter.

S-219 Firing Operations

February 13 - 15, 2015

0800 - 1700

The course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a firing boss (FIRB) and outlines duties of other personnel who may engage firing operations. The course discusses and illustrates common firing devices and techniques. Although comprehensive in nature, the course work is not a substitute for the dynamic fire environment. The course provides students with important information regarding general tasks required to be successful. This course was developed using a **blended approach** to learning, meaning that it contains a mix of online and instructor-led training (ILT). Students are required to complete the online training portion of the course prior to taking the ILT. This course is targeted towards personnel desiring to be qualified as firing boss, single resource (FIRB) and firefighter type 1 and 2 personnel looking to gain valuable information to conduct or participate in firing operations.

*Prerequisite(s): Qualified as a firefighter type 2 (FFT2); successful completion of online training

**Limited to 20 students

LIVE FIRE EXERCISE!! Scheduled for February 15th, full PPE is required to participate. This includes nomex shirt and pants (or coveralls), leather gloves, eye protection, helmet, leather boots, fire pack, and fire shelter.

Dozer Operations

February 14 - 15, 2015

0800 - 1700

This course is designed for the equipment operators that will be working in a wildland fire environment. It will cover basic dozer and heavy equipment tactics, safety, personal protective equipment, and supervision. Successful completion of S-130/190/I-100/L-180 is not required, but is recommended.

**Limited to 20 students

LIVE FIRE EXERCISE!! Scheduled for February 15th, full PPE is required to participate. This includes nomex shirt and pants (or coveralls), leather gloves, eye protection, helmet, leather boots, fire pack, and fire shelter.

Mini Wildland Engine Academy

February 13, 2015

1900 - 2200

February 14 - 15, 2015

0800 - 1700

The Mini Engine Academy is a 16 hour course designed to expose the student to various aspects of wildland engine operations with an emphasis on practical application and safe engine practices. Participation from local fire agencies is encouraged.

*Prerequisite(s): None

**Limited to 20 students

LIVE FIRE EXERCISE!! Scheduled for February 15th, full PPE is required to participate. This includes nomex shirt and pants (or coveralls), leather gloves, eye protection, helmet, leather boots, fire pack, and fire shelter.

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Brownwood, TX

Registration Form

For registration information, please contact Meredith McNeil at 979-458-7330 or email

mmcneil@rfs.tamu.edu.

For information about Academy specifics, please contact either Mary Leathers at 979-218-3030 or Charles Tice at 936-545-7194.

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
(Participants MUST be 18 years old.)

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

AGENCY: _____

FD/OTHER: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE #: _____

OTHER PHONE #: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

FAX #: _____

(if different from mailing)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(REQUIRED)

Please provide an emergency contact name & number (other than your supervisor):

I would like to be enrolled in the following courses:

CLASS: _____

CLASS: _____

CLASS: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STUDENT COST:
\$20/ day
 Make checks payable to: **Texas A&M Forest Service**

ATTENTION VFDs!!!!
 If you have been approved for grant funding, please
DO NOT bring payment to check-in.

CLASSES:	
S-130/190 Basic Firefighter Training (\$100)	_____
S-219 Ignitions Operations (\$60)	_____
Dozer Operations (\$40)	_____
Mini Wildland Engine Course (\$60)	_____
Total	\$ _____

Method of Payment

Payment in the form of a credit card, check, or money order **must be received prior** to attending academy courses. For those with HB2604 or TIFMAS approved funding, please fax in your approval letter in lieu of payment.

*HB2604/ TIFMAS _____ Check _____ Money Order _____ Credit Card _____

Credit Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ Discover ____ AmEx ____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Cardholder's Name and Address:

(As it appears on credit card statement - for verification purposes only): _____

****Credit card payments will be processed immediately upon receipt.**

We reserve the right to cancel any class or classes that do not meet the minimum number of registrations. Students enrolled in these classes will be notified and given the opportunity to register for alternative classes.

Mail or fax both pages to:
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