The Wildland Team is responsible for the protection of the wildland urban interface surrounding the 6000 acre Great Trinity Forest, and the natural areas and preserves flanking the White Rock Escarpment that cuts through the City of Dallas.

Dallas Fire-Rescue Wildland Team
History

- **2008** - Program established with $200,000 Federal grant
- **2010** - Lt. Sam Friar named Coordinator
- **2010** - TFS taught first 130/90 course to 120 DFR firefighters.
- **2011** - 5 deployments around the state
- **2012** - Handcrew selected and trained
- **2014** - First Handcrew deployment
Strike Team Organization

- Strike Team Leader
  - Driver/Safety Officer
    - Brush Truck (Engine Boss)
      - Wildland Firefighter
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Handcrew (Module) Organization

- Crew Boss (Officer) Sawyer
  - Firefighter (Ignitions)
  - Firefighter (Medic)
  - Firefighter

- Squad Boss (Sawyer)
  - Firefighter (Ignitions)
  - Firefighter (Medic)
  - Firefighter
Deployments

• Deaton Cole Fire (Comstock, TX) - 2011
• 101 Ranch Fire (Palo Pinto County, TX) - 2011
• Tractabel Fire (Ennis, TX) - 2011
• Bastrop Complex Fire (Bastrop, TX) - 2011
• Gethsemane Fire (East TX) - 2011
• Trophy Club Fire (DFW Area, TX) - 2014
Bastrop Complex Fire

Dallas Fire-Rescue Wildland Team
TRAINING
2014

• 4 officers are CRWB-T
• All Handcrew members initiated FFT1-ICT5 or higher taskbook.
• Handcrew participated in several multi-day overnight field training exercises with TFS and Elm Fork Module.
• 14 additional sawyers certified
Winter/Spring 2014

• 9 members of the Handcrew traveled to Camp Bowie in Brownwood to train alongside TFS crew bosses during a ~1000 acre Rx burn.

• Members from the handcrew and strike team partnered with Elm Fork Fire Module for extensive live fire, spike out, and line construction training.
Capabilities

- 76 personnel on the active wildland roster
- 32 cross-trained as Dallas Handcrew (Module)
- 6 Chief Officers, 24 Officers, 46 Non-Officers
- 42 team members certified as EMT-P
- Able to Mobilize within 2 hours of TIFMAS assignment
- All members listed as All-Hazards
Apparatus

- 5 Wildland Strike Team outfitted Type 6 Engines.
- 2 Type 3 Engines (Delivery July 2014)
- 1 Crew buggy to be retrofitted soon
- 1 Strike Team Leader Suburban
- 1 Team Tahoe
Strike Team Outfitted Type 6 Engine
2 New Type 3 Engines
(Delivery in July 2014)
Strike Team Leader Vehicle

Dallas Fire-Rescue Wildland Team
Future Crew Buggy

Dallas Fire-Rescue Wildland Team
Community Wildfire Protection Plan

• CWPP Coordinator – Lt Armand Garza
• Plan encompasses the City of Dallas.
• Great Trinity Forest
  – Stretches 11 miles from Corinth St to South of IH20
  – 6,000 Acres of bottomland hardwoods
CWPP Participants

- Public Organizations
  - City Govt.
    - Code Enforcement
    - Fire Dept.
    - EMS
    - Police
    - Parks and Rec Dept.
    - Planning
    - Economic Development Office
    - OEM
  - Texas Forest Service

- Private Organizations
  - Trinity River Audubon Org
  - Land Developers
  - Private Business

- Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)
- Citizens
Lock and Dam #1 along the Trinity River and the establishing of Trinity City in 1916.
The Lock Keeper’s house today still occupied along with many other dwellings in or bordering the Trinity Forest.
The Great Trinity Forest and River cuts through a dense urban core of 1.2 million residents as it flows towards the Gulf of Mexico.
Cedar Ridge Preserve in Southwest Dallas surrounded on 3 sides by single family homes
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