

# *Elm Fork Fire Module*

North Texas Area TIFMAS Resource



# Mission

The Elm Fork Fire Module will be available to the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System and local jurisdictions, as an innovative, safe, highly mobile, logistically independent, and versatile resource, able to engage a variety of missions, including wildland fire suppression and all hazard/all risk incidents.



**Dallas Fire and Elm Fork Module members bone piling and improving line around a simulated lightning strike fire.**

# Mission

## **Wildland Fire Suppression**

Line Construction, Point Protection, Firing Operations, Heavy  
Equipment Support

## **All Hazards Incidents**

Urban Search, Wide Area Search, Saw Support

## **Training and Development**

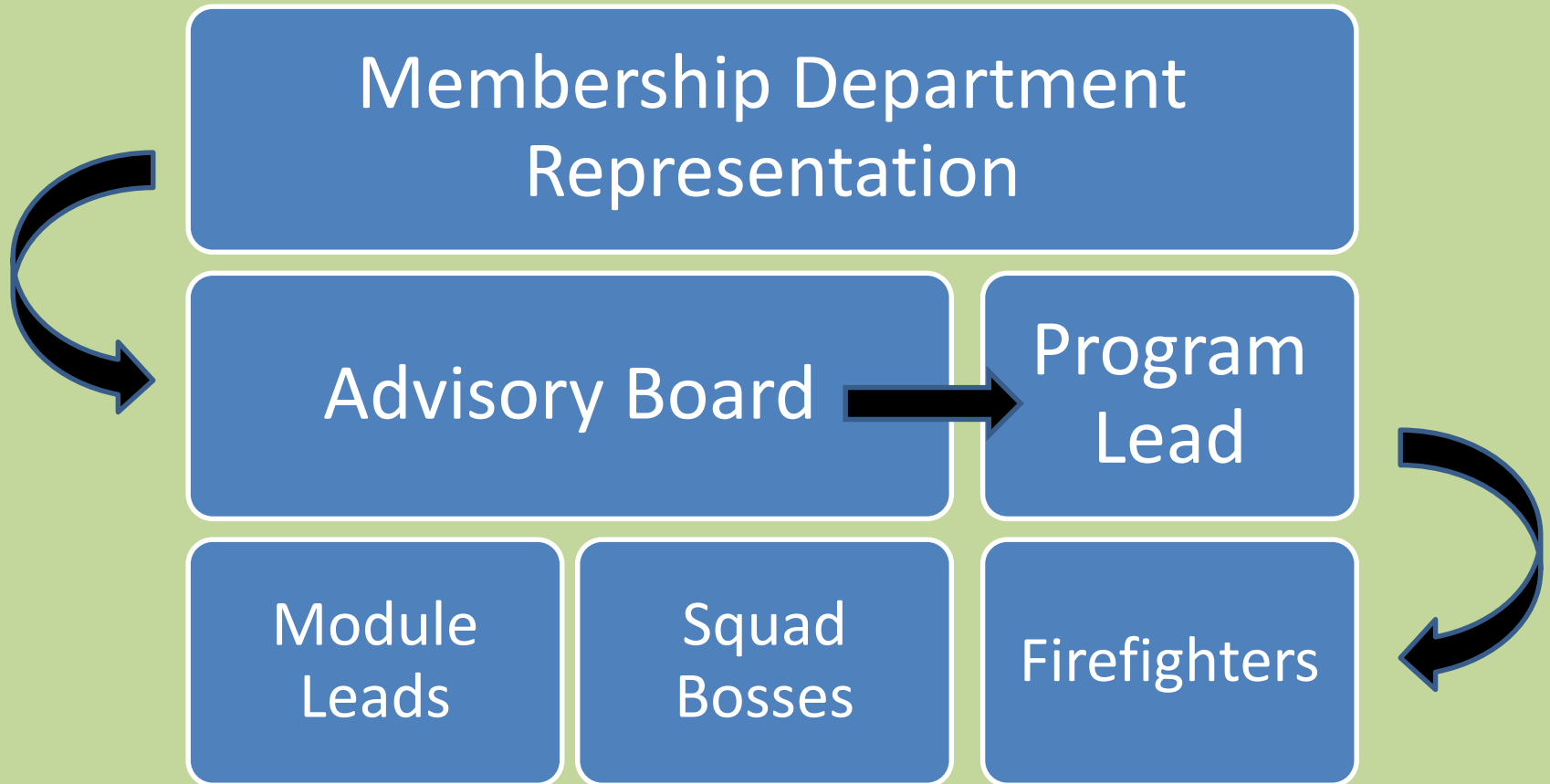
Local and Regional Training Support, TIFMAS program  
leadership and development





**Dallas Fire and Elm Fork Module members  
improving trail in the Trinity River bottom.  
Members spent dozens of hours in April and May  
improving their chainsaw skills.**

# Organization



**\*Target Roster of 36 with the potential to field three modules of 8-10 members**



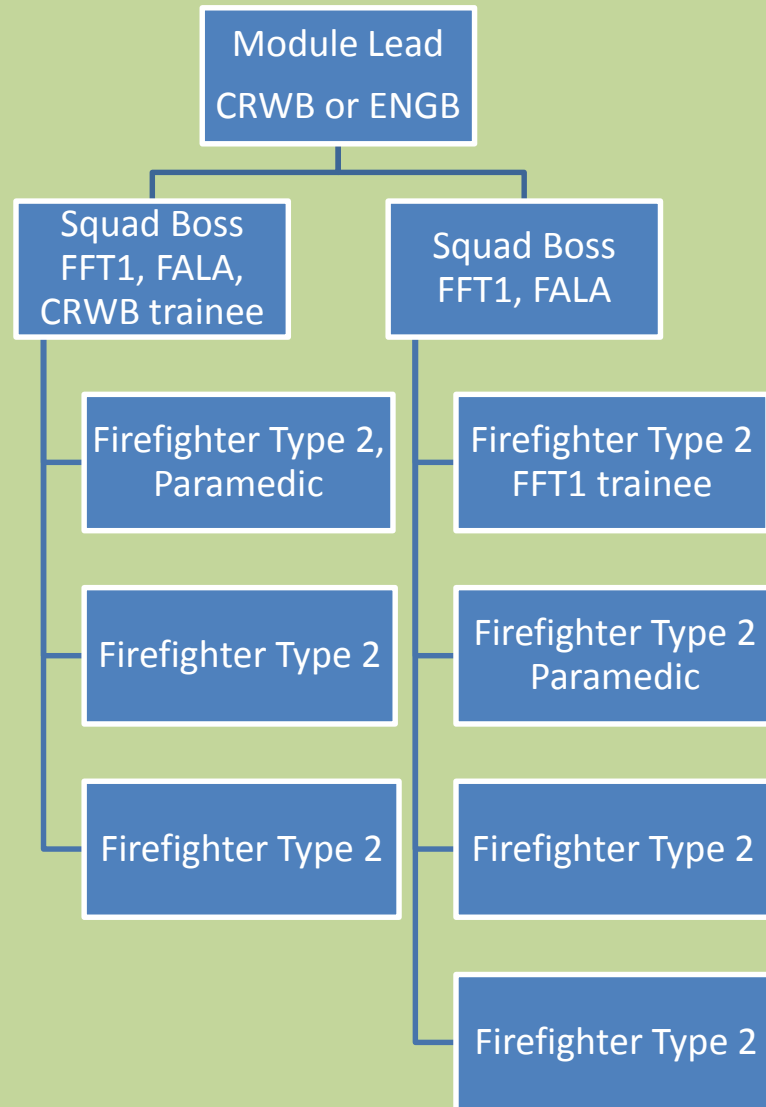
**With good line in place, members wait for the fire to burn down so they can mop it up. Readiness exercises that included prescribed fire were part of the spring training for the Elm Fork and Dallas modules.**



# Organization

When mobilized, the Module will be made up of the following:

- One qualified Single Resource Boss, Crew or Engine
- Two qualified Firefighter Type 1, Squad Bosses
- Five to Seven qualified Firefighter Type 2, Firefighters
- Minimum of two module qualified sawyers
- Minimum of two state certified Paramedics
- Maximum of two Trainees







**Cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service in Decatur allowed members the opportunity to participate in over 6000 acres of prescribed fire.**

# Personnel Requirements

- Current TIFMAS qualification as FFT2
- Able to depart a meeting location in Denton County within two hours of notification
- Participation in annual readiness exercises (minimum of two operational periods)
- Annual fireline safety refresher training, RT-130
- 1.5 mile run in 13 minutes or less
- 40 sit-ups in 60 seconds or less
- 25 push-ups in 60 seconds or less
- Pull-ups based on body weight: >170 lbs.=4, <169 lbs=5
- 3 mile walk with 45 lb. pack in less than 45 minutes

# Personnel Requirements

Training and Performance requirements for positions on the Module will **exceed** the NWCG PMS 310-1, and will include, among others:

S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (online, to be completed in the first six months of membership)

S-212 Wildland Fire Chain Saws (following the initial training, members will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in field exercises to be checked off as a module sawyer)

S-234 Ignition Operations (members will be expected to demonstrate proficiency with multiple firing tools and techniques, including expected fire behavior)

# Readiness

## Module Transportation and Equipment Requirements

- Two Pickups: 4WD, 4 door, 5 passenger (one of which will require a bed cover or some type for protection from the elements)
- Four complete chainsaw kits
- Hand tools appropriate for the fuel type and mission (minimum of 20 tools, i.e. 5 pulaskis, 5 shovels, 5 combi tools, 5 mcleods)
- Four drip torches with four 5 gallon fuel cans
- Members will be responsible for acquiring their own personal gear (i.e. tent, sleeping bag, line gear, etc.)