TIFMAS Symposium
Reimbursement Process
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Where we started

800 MHz Part 1.wmv (Command Line)
2011 Wildfires

• Paperwork Submittals

• The average number of days for a department to receive full payment related to the 2011 TIFMAS deployments was 300 days, from the fire departments demobilization of the event.

• The average number of days it took for an agency to submit their paperwork for reimbursement related to the 2011 wildfire season was 72 days.
2011 Wildfires

• Reimbursement Process

  • The initial process was that reimbursement didn’t occur the paperwork was audited not only by TDEM but also by the Office of the Governor.

  • In 2012, TDEM implemented a program where requests for payment would receive an initial payment (50% of the amount claimed) within 60 days of receipt of the request for payment. The remaining 50% would be paid following an audit of the claim by the Office of the Governor.
2011 Wildfires

• Reimbursement Process

• For 2013, TDEM has restructured the program with a goal of making full restitution to agencies within 60 days of receipt of their requests for payment. The overall goal is 90 days from the fire departments demobilization from the event.

• 90 day Timeline:
  • agency paperwork submittals - within 30 days of the end of an eligible event.
  • TDEM audit of paperwork - subsequent 30 days,
  • payment processed during the last 30 day period,
  • Bringing the total process time to 90 days.
2013 West Deployment

• Reimbursement Process

  • The overall goal is 90 days

  • West - The average turnaround time for TIFMAS from deployment (not demobilization or when packet was finalized and approved) to payment was 71 days.

  • The payment took 16 days from time the packet was agreed upon and approved to time payment was sent
Documentation

• Business Manual and Documentation
  
  • [http://ticc.tamu.edu/Response/TIFMAS.htm](http://ticc.tamu.edu/Response/TIFMAS.htm)
Financial Regional Recovery Coordinators

• Duties:
  • Primary – to assist local finance departments prepare for a disaster
  • Secondary – deploy to assist in the financial recovery at actual disaster

• 1 Supervisor
• 8 Regional Coordinators
  • 7 in the Regions (Region 2 – 2)
  • 1 assigned to State Agencies
Wildland Fire Reporting

• What mechanism do fire departments use to report Wildland fires?

• How does non-reporting affect the State of Texas

  • FMAG’s
  • Threshold
  • Solution

• HELP!!!!!!
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