



# **TIFMAS Symposium Reimbursement Process June 11, 2014**



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# Where we started



800 MHz Part 1.wmv (Command Line)



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# 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>





# 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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