



Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's State Parks Division &
Texas A&M Forest Service's
2016 Wildland Fire Training Exchanges



THE OPPORTUNITY: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department State Parks Division and the Texas A&M Forest Service are proud to announce 6 training/experience opportunities for wildland firefighters (see next page for dates). Each opportunity will be limited to 12 FFT II, 4 FFT I trainees and 4 SRB (FIRB/ENGB) trainees. Each exchange will attempt to offer no less than 2 operational shifts in each trainee role. Trainees will be working with a cadre of experienced firefighters from the Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

WHERE: Locations will be chosen the week prior to the scheduled date based on fuel conditions, predicted fire weather, and prescribed fire resource needs.

WHAT TO EXPECT: We will work in a variety of Texas fuel models on moderate complexity burns. Knowledge will be gained not only through firefighter experience, but also from presentations and personal interactions covering broad ecological and socio-economic topics. Prescribed fire will be implemented from approved TPWD and TAMFS burn plans. SRB trainees may be required to arrive 1-2 days prior to the actual start of the training exchange to review plans and the burn units on the ground. Exchanges may be cancelled due to limited overhead, availability of resources or poor burning conditions.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU: You will be both a trainee and a trainer, changing roles on different operations. You will need to secure your own transportation to and from your duty station, and each division/agency shall be responsible for their own funding for meals and lodging. Each participant will need to arrive with a current qualification card, open position task books (if applicable), full PPE and a radio. You are expected to remain flexible, tolerant, patient and respectful of others because you will be in a dynamic environment that will change frequently as dictated by weather and other factors. **Participants must be willing to travel to any selected location, and be committed for the entire exchange session selected.**

LOGISTICS: The first and last days are set aside for travel; please provide us with your itinerary. More information will be provided once you have been selected for an exchange session and as the session nears with further details.

REGISTRATION: Return the completed registration form to Cailyn Taylor via fax (903-566-7853) or email (cailyn.taylor@tpwd.texas.gov). Registration is on a first come first serve basis. All participants must have approval from their direct supervisor for participation in the entire selected session before registering.

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2016 Wildland Fire Training Exchange Application



Section I (Basic Information)

Name _____ Gender: Female Male

Agency _____ Division _____

Position _____ Assigned Duty Location _____

Qualified Position(s) (ex: FFT II, FFT I, ENGB) _____ Trainee Position(s) _____

ATV Certified? Yes No UTV Certified? Yes No

Section II (Contact Information)

Address _____ Email Address _____

24-Hour Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Office Phone _____ Fax _____

Supervisor _____ Supervisor's Phone _____

Emergency Contact Name/Relationship _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

Section III (Opportunity Selection)

My supervisor has been informed of these opportunities and approves my participation

Select the training exchange you can commit to attending. If want to commit to a second training exchange, you can choose one alternate. Participants will be chosen based on availability.

First Choice	Alternate (optional)	Training Exchange	Sign-up Deadline
		December 6-11	November 20
		January 10-15	December 28
		January 17-22	January 1
		January 31-February 5	January 15
		February 7-12	January 22
		February 21-26	February 5
		April 3-8	March 18

Submit completed application to Cailyn Taylor (cailyn.taylor@tpwd.texas.gov) or fax (903-566-7853)