Welcome to the 13th Annual Central Texas Wildfire Academy
Sponsored by the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department

DATE: February 13 - 17, 2014

LOCATION:
Camp Bowie Training Site, Brownwood, TX
5611 FM 45S
Brownwood, TX 76801

COST:
All courses are $20/day

Training tuition grants are available through HB2604 and TIFMAS. For more information, please contact the Grant Department at 979-458-6505.

GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE TRAINING BEGINS.

Registration begins December 2nd, 2013. Early registration is encouraged, as class size is limited. Payment must be made prior to attending the class. Registrations are due by 1700 on February 7th, 2014. Substitutions are welcome by close of registration; however walk-ins will not be accepted because of limited class size.

CHECK-IN:
Wednesday, February 12th: 1700 – 1930
Thursday, February 13th: 0700 – 0800
Friday, February 14th: 0700 – 0800, 1700 – 1930
Saturday, 15th: 0700 - 0800

LODGING:
Barracks are available on the base on a first come, first serve basis. If this is the option you choose, please bring blankets and sheets, or sleeping bag, and pillow. Don’t forget to bring toiletries and towels.

MEALS:
$15/day for meals or $7.50/meal (breakfast and lunch) – make checks payable to Dam VFD and bring to checkin (SEPARATE FROM TUITION). Dinner will be provided on Friday, Feb 14th ONLY for $5/plate.

This event will provide training to volunteer and agency wildland firefighters. The Central Texas Wildfire Academy is striving to offer a variety of training for all those dedicated to protecting lives and property.

The Texas Interagency Wildfire and Incident Management Academies provide training to wildland firefighters from Texas and through the United States to meet National Wildfire Coordination Group Standards. The Capital Area Academy, held in Bastrop, Texas during the month of October, and the East Texas Academy, during in Lufkin, Texas in May, provide classroom and “hands-on” training to more than 800 students in firefighting, supervisory, and prevention techniques.

Coming Soon
(all dates tentative)

East Texas Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy
Angelina College – Lufkin, TX – May 28 – June 6, 2014

Capital Area Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy
Camp Swift – Bastrop, TX – October 10 – 23, 2014

Check the following website for more details in the coming months...
http://ticc.tamu.edu/Training/training.htm

For information regarding registration and payment, please contact:
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Our Mission:
To enhance the Wildland Firefighters’ knowledge, utilizing NWCG standards to promote safe and cost effective operations.

Participants MUST be 18 years old in order to take courses.
Class Descriptions

S-130/190 Basic Firefighter Training  February 13 - 17, 2014  0800 – 1700

This introductory course is designed to train entry-level firefighters. The student will gain an understanding of the basic incident management organization, firefighting techniques, suppression equipment, safety, strategy/tactics, along with basic fire behavior. Field exercises will be performed for valuable hands-on training. This course is designed for entry-level firefighters.

*Prerequisite(s): NONE

**Limited to 50 students

LIVE FIRE EXERCISE!!  Scheduled for February 17th, full PPE is required to participate. This includes nomex shirt and pants (or coveralls), leather gloves, eye protection, helmet, leather boots, fire pack, and fire shelter.

S-133 Look Up, Look Down, Look Around  February 14, 2014  1800 – 2200

This course is designed for the Advanced Firefighter/Squad Boss and Incident Commander Type 5. It provides a comprehensive review of the Fireline Handbook. Training includes strategy, tactics and safety, as well as training to identify environmental factors and indicators of hazardous fire conditions, and how to use these indicators when implementing the Risk Management Process. This course is designed to be interactive in nature.

*Prerequisite(s): None

**Limited to 50 students

S-234 Ignition Operations  February 15 - 17, 2014  0800 – 1700

This course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a firing boss (FIRB), common firing devices, and general firing operations and techniques. This course is designed for those desiring to be qualified as firing boss (FIRB).

*Prerequisite(s): Successful completion of S-290; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

**Limited to 20 students

LIVE FIRE EXERCISE!!  Scheduled for February 17th, full PPE is required to participate. This includes nomex shirt and pants (or coveralls), leather gloves, eye protection, helmet, leather boots, fire pack, and fire shelter.

S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior  February 13 - 17, 2014  0800 – 1700

This is a classroom-based skills course designed to prepare the prospective fireline supervisor to undertake safe and effective fire management operations. It is the second course in a series that collectively serves to develop fire behavior prediction knowledge and skills.

*Prerequisite(s): Successful completion of S-190; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

**Limited to 30 students

Tender Shuttle  February 15 - 16, 2014  0800 – 1700

This course is designed to introduce trainees to the principles of setting up a tanker shuttle operation for supplying water to suppression resources. Topics will include various water supplies found in rural areas such as dry hydrants and ponds. This course will discuss preplanning for water supply sites and considerations for designing a water tanker. The final exercise requires the student to set up a tanker shuttle operation and to supply water to incoming engines. Students may stay over to participate in the live fire exercise on February 17th.

*Prerequisite(s): None

**Limited to 20 students

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February 13th – 17th, 2014
Brownwood, TX

**Registration Form**

For registration information, please contact Meredith McNeil at 979-458-7330 or email mmcneil@rfs.tamu.edu.

For information about Academy specifics, please contact either Mary Leathers at 979-218-3030 or Charles Tice at 936-545-7194.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STUDENT COST:
$20/ day
Make checks payable to: Texas A&M Forest Service

CLASSES:
- S-130/190 Basic Firefighter Training ($100)
- S-133 Look Up, Look Down, Look Around ($20)
- S-234 Ignitions Operations ($60)
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior ($100)
- Tender Shuttle ($40)

Total $__________

ATTENTION VFDs!!!!
If you have been approved for grant funding, please DO NOT bring payment to check-in.

Method of Payment

Payment in the form of a credit card, check, or money order must be received prior to attending academy courses. For those with HB2604 or TIFMAS approved funding, please fax in your approval letter in lieu of payment.

*HB2604/ TIFMAS ______ Check ______ Money Order ______ Credit Card ______

Credit Card Number: ___ ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___
Expiration Date: ____ / ____ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ AmEx ___
Cardholder’s Signature: ________________________________

Cardholder’s Name and Address:
(As it appears on credit card statement – for verification purposes only): ________________________________

**Credit card payments will be processed immediately upon receipt.

We reserve the right to cancel any class or classes that do not meet the minimum number of registrations. Students enrolled in these classes will be notified and given the opportunity to register for alternative classes.

Mail or fax both pages to:
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