



Welcome to the 18th Annual East Texas Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy

Fellow students, colleagues, and friends...

Since 1998, we have helped bring emergency responders, of all backgrounds, through the ranks, whether starting from the bottom or in the middle of a career. At the East Texas Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy, we strive to provide a diverse and well-rounded learning experience. The training we provide offers classes from Basic Wildland Firefighter all the way up to Fire Supervisor, and everything in-between.

This year we are offering more than 20 National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses, taught by instructors from different Federal and State agencies. Each of these instructors brings their own unique experiences and lessons learned to the table so that you come away from the Academy with a broader view of your profession.

If you have never been to this Academy before, we invite you to come see what we are all about. It is the perfect time to meet new friends, possibly reconnect with old friends, and grow professionally and personally. If you have attended past Academies, we invite you back to expand your knowledge of your passion and share your experiences with fellow students.

Here's to another year!
The Academy Staff

DATE: May 27 - June 5, 2015

LOCATION: Angelina College
3500 South First Street
Lufkin, Texas 75904

COST: \$45 per day
\$50 per day starting May 1
(Includes course materials only. Meals are on your own this year, hence the lower tuition.)

CLASS TIMES: 0800 - 1700 daily
(Unless otherwise specified by instructor)

CHECK-IN: TBD
Begins daily at 0630
(Check-in required only on/before first day of attendance. You can check in the afternoon of the 26th, from 1500 - 1700, if your class starts the 27th.)

Registration, hotel, and other information
can be found at
<http://ticc.tamu.edu/training/training.htm>.
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For additional information, please contact the
Academy Registrar at 979.458.7330 or email
academyregistrar@tfs.tamu.edu

Registration begins FEBRUARY 16, 2015.

Late registration begins May 1.
Early registration is encouraged, as
class size is limited.
A confirmation letter and pre-
course work will be mailed prior
to the academy.

Refund Policy

A full refund will be given through April 30.
Cancellations made ON or AFTER May 1 will incur a
\$50 per class.
No refunds will be given for "No Shows".

Training Tuition Assistance is available through HB2604
and TIFMAS for qualified departments - **see next page.**

Texas Interagency Wildfire & Incident Management Academy Mission

To enhance the wildland firefighters' knowledge, utilizing National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards to promote safe and cost effective operations.

ATTENTION TEXAS VFDs:

Training tuition assistance is available to qualified departments through the Texas A&M Forest Service under the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (HB 2604).

Individuals: maximum of \$122/day, not to exceed \$610 (5 days) per trainee per school
Department: maximum of \$6100 per department per school

To apply, please visit <http://ticc.tamu.edu/FireDepartments/FDassistance.htm> or call (979) 458-6505.
Applications for training tuition assistance must be submitted to the Emergency Services Grants Division **BEFORE** the course date.

ATTENTION TEXAS FDs:

Training tuition assistance is available to qualified departments through the Texas A&M Forest Service under the TIFMAS Grant Assistance Program (TIFMAS).

Individuals: maximum of \$122/day, not to exceed \$610 (5 days) per trainee per school
Department: maximum of \$6100 per department per school

To apply, please visit <http://ticc.tamu.edu/FireDepartment/FDassistance.htm> or call (936) 639-8100.
Applications for training tuition assistance must be submitted to the Emergency Services Grants Division **BEFORE** the course date.



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Special thanks to:

Angelina College, Texas A&M Forest Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Weather Service, The Nature Conservancy, National Wildfire Coordinating Group, Texas Wildfire Association

Course Schedule

Course Abbreviation	Course Name	Dates	# of Days	Pre-requisites	Field Day*	Pre-work
DOZ OPS	TFS Dozer Operations/ Maintenance	May 30 - 31	2	S-130/190	✓	
GPS	GPS Orientation	May 29	1	None	✓	
L-280	Followership to Leadership	May 28 - 29	2	L-180 and pre-course work	✓	✓
NFPA 1041 II	Fire Instructor II	May 27 - 31	5	NFPA 1041 Instructor I certification		
S-130	Basic Firefighter/Intro to Wildland Fire Behavior	June 1 - 5	5	None	✓	
S-131 A	Firefighter Type 1 Session A	June 1	1	FFT2 qualified		
S-131 B	Firefighter Type 1 Session B	June 2	1	FFT2 qualified		
S-133	Look Up, Look Down, Look Around	May 31	1	None		
S-200	Initial Attack Incident Commander (ICT4)	June 4 - 5	2	Single resource boss qualified and pre-course work		✓
S-211	Portable Pumps & Water Use	May 27 - 29	3	None	✓	
S212A	Wildland Fire Chain Saws Session A	May 27 - 30	4	FFT2 qualified and pre-course work	✓	✓
S212B	Wildland Fire Chain Saws Session B	June 1 - 4	4	FFT2 qualified and pre-course work	✓	✓
S-215	Fire Operations in the Wildland/ Urban Interface	May 27 - 29	3	FFT1 qualified	✓	
S-219	Firing Operations	May 30 - June 1	3	FFT2 qualified and online training	✓	✓
S-230	Crew Boss (Single Resource)	June 1 - 3	3	S-290, FFT1 qualified, and pre-course work		✓
S-231	Engine Boss (Single Resource)	June 4 - 5	2	S-230 & FFT1 qualified		
S-236	Heavy Equipment Boss	May 27 - 29	3	FFT1 qualified and pre-course work	✓	✓
S-261	Applied Interagency Incident Business Management	May 27 - 29	3	None		
S-270	Basic Air Operations	May 31 - June 1	2	Pre-course work		✓
S-290	Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior	June 1 - 4	4	S-190 and pre-course work		✓
S-330	Task Force/ Strike Team Leader	May 28 - 30	3	Single resource boss qualified and pre-course work		✓
S-336	Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire	May 30 - June 1	3	Single resource boss qualified or ICT4, and pre-course work		✓
S-339	Division/Group Supervisor	June 3 - 5	3	See course descriptions in brochure		✓

ALL COURSES RUN APPROXIMATELY 8:00AM TO 5:00PM, EACH DAY
(UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE INSTRUCTOR)
SOME CLASSES MAY END EARLY; COST WILL REMAIN THE SAME

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

DOZ OPS

Dozer Operations

This course is designed for the equipment operators that will be working in a wildland fire environment. It will cover basic dozer and heavy equipment tactics, safety, personal protective equipment, and supervision.

***Not an NWCG course.**

****Prerequisite(s): Successful completion of S-130/190**

GPS

GPS Orientation

This course will help familiarize students with GPS units and their utilization in fire and EMS. Topics include: various types of GPS units and using GPS units in various fire and EMS situations.

***Not an NWCG course.**

****Prerequisite(s): NONE**

L-280

Followership to Leadership

This training is designed as a self-assessment opportunity for individuals preparing to step into a leadership role. The course combines one day of classroom instruction followed by a second day in the field with students working through a series of problem solving events in small teams.

****Prerequisite(s): Experience on incident assignments in operations or support functions; successful completion of L-180; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.**

NFPA 1041

Fire Instructor II

This course is designed to meet the needs of the intermediate-level fire instructor. The Fire Instructor II course is designed around classroom lectures and exercises.

****Prerequisite(s): NONE**

S-130/190 (includes I-100 & L-180)

Firefighter Training & Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

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.

****Prerequisite(s): NONE**

S-131

(2 sessions)

Firefighter Type 1

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. This course is designed to be interactive in nature.

****Prerequisite(s): Qualified as a firefighter type 2 (FFT2).**

S-133

Look Up, Look Down, Look Around

This course is designed to train Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5) and Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) to identify environmental factors and indicators of hazardous fire conditions, and how to use these indicators when implementing the Risk Management Process.

****Prerequisite(s): NONE**

S-200

Initial Attack Commander (ICT4)

This course is designed to meet the training needs of the ICT4. Topics covered include: readiness and mobilization, size-up, planning and ordering, deployment and containment, administrative requirements, and post-fire evaluation.

****Prerequisite(s): Qualified as any single resource boss; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.**

S-211

Portable Pumps & Water Use

This course gives the student practical knowledge and application skills of portable pump operations. The course consists of three skill areas: supply, delivery, and application of water. Field exercises train the student in the set-up, operation, and maintenance of pump equipment.

****Prerequisite(s): NONE**

S-212

(2 sessions)

Wildland Fire Chain Saws

This course provides an introduction to the function, maintenance, and use of internal combustion engine powered chain saws, and their tactical wildland fire application. Field exercises support entry level training for firefighters with little or no previous experience operating a chain saw, providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fireline situations.

****Prerequisite(s): Qualified as a firefighter type 2 (FFT2) and satisfactory completion of pre-course work.**

S-215

Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface

This course is designed to assist firefighters who will be making tactical decisions when

confronting wildland fire that threatens life, property, and improvements in the wildland/urban interface. Instructional units include: firefighter safety in the interface, managing human factors in the interface, pre-incident planning, size-up and initial strategy, structure triage, structure protection overview, tactics in the interface, tactical operations and resource use in the interface, action assessment, plan update, and after action review.

****Prerequisite(s): None**

S-219

Firing Operations (Blended)

This course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a firing boss (FIRB) and outlines duties of other personnel who may engage firing operations. The course also discusses and illustrated common firing devise and techniques. This course now has a blended approach to learning, which means students are required to complete the online portions of the course prior to taking the instructor-led training.

****Prerequisite(s): FFT2 qualified and successful completion of required online training.**

S-230

Crew Boss (Single Resource)

This is a classroom course designed to produce student proficiency in performance of all duties associated with the single resource boss position, from initial dispatch to return to home unit. Topics include: preparation and mobilization, assignment preparation, tactics and safety, off-line duties, demobilization and post-incident activities.

****Prerequisite(s): Qualified as a firefighter type 1 (FFT1); successful completion of S-290; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.**

S-231

Engine Boss (Single Resource)

This is a skill course designed to produce student proficiency in the performance of the duties associated with engine boss, single resource (ENGB). Topics include: engine and crew capabilities and limitations, information sources, fire size-up considerations, tactics, and wildland/urban interface.

****Prerequisite(s): Qualified as a firefighter type 1 (FFT1) and S-230.**

S-236**Heavy Equipment Boss (Single Resource)**

This course is designed to meet the training needs of a Heavy Equipment Boss on an incident as outline in PMS 310-1. Primary considerations are tactical use and safety precautions required to establish and maintain an effective dozer operation. A field exercise is required as part of the course.

****Prerequisite(s):** Qualified as a firefighter type 1 (FFT1); satisfactory completion of the pre-course work.

S-261 (2014 version)**Applied Interagency Incident Business Management**

This is an instructor led course designed for entry-level finance positions. Students will be introduced to the roles and responsibilities, and will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the skills/knowledge required to perform the tasks of the following positions: Equipment Time Recorder (EQTR), Compensation for Injury Specialist (INJR), Claims Specialist (CLMS), and Personnel Time Recorder (PTRC). S-261 is designed to be taken after completion of S-260, Interagency Incident Business Management.

****Prerequisite(s):** None

S-270**Basic Air Operations**

This course covers aircraft types and capabilities, aviation management and safety for flying in and working with agency aircraft, tactical and logistical uses of aircraft, and requirements for helicopter take-off and landing areas. This course is designed for personnel desiring to be qualified as a single engine air tanker manager, single resource boss, helicopter manager, aircraft dispatcher, and other positions that require basic knowledge of aviation operations.

****Prerequisite(s):** Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

S-290**Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior**

This fire behavior course provides students with the knowledge of wildland fuels and fire behavior to make safe and effective fire management decisions on prescribed and wildland fires.

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

S-330 (2014 version)**Task Force/Strike Team Leader**

This course meets the training requirements for the positions of Task Force and Strike Team Leader. Students will learn to demonstrate the ability to apply the Risk Management Process found in the IRPG to various incidents, identify and describe the responsibilities of a Task Force/Strike Team Leader, and demonstrate the ability to apply appropriate tactics with assigned resources organized into strike teams or task forces. This course is for those desiring to be qualified as a task force leader (TFLD) or any strike team leader.

****Prerequisite(s):** Qualified as any single resource boss; satisfactory completion of pre-selection assessment; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

S-336**Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire**

This course is designed to meet training requirements in the Operations Section of the Incident Command System. Examples and exercises are specific to wildland fire suppression. Students will develop the knowledge and practice in decision making necessary to effectively apply wildland fire suppression tactics. They will also develop the tools for leadership in applying and teaching appropriate fire suppression tactics at their home unit.

Note: The course is designed primarily to prepare experienced single resource bosses and initial attack incident commanders in the tactics necessary at the strike team/task force leader level. Also valuable for operations supervisors qualified at higher management levels who have not received training in wildfire suppression tactics.

****Prerequisite(s):** Qualified as any single resource boss or ICT4; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

S-339**Division/Group Supervisor**

This course prepares the students to perform in the role of division/group supervisor. Topics include division/group management, organizational interaction, division operations, all-hazard operations, and tactical decision games.

****Prerequisite(s):** Qualified as a Task Force Leader (TFLD) OR qualified as an Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3) OR qualified as an Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4) and in any two strike team leader positions – one must be STCR or STEN; satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

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Registration Form

You may print this form to mail/fax/email, or use
On-Line Registration at <http://tiwa.tamu.edu>.

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ O - NUMBER (for office use): _____

ORGANIZATION: _____ IQCS ID#: _____
(federal employees only)

MAILING ADDRESS:

BILLING ADDRESS (if different from mailing address):

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ OTHER PHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____
(REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION PROCESS)

Please provide an emergency contact name & number (other than your supervisor):

I would like to be enrolled in the following courses

(courses may not overlap)

CLASS: _____ SESSION: _____
(if only one session, leave blank)

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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.

****Consult supervisor for agency-specific prerequisites****

Student Name: _____

O - Number: _____
(office use only)

PREVIOUS TRAINING

Please list class training completed and dates pertinent to desired courses:

Please list past qualifications pertinent to desired courses (FFT1, CRWB, etc.):

Student's Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

O Number: _____
(office use only)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STUDENT COST:

\$45 per day if registering ON or BEFORE April 30

\$50 per day STARTING May 1

Make checks payable to:
Texas A&M Forest Service

____ Day(s) @ \$45 per day \$ _____

____ Day(s) @ \$50 per day \$ _____

Payment Enclosed? YES or NO

FEDERAL ID #: 74-6014065

IMPORTANT--IMPORTANT--IMPORTANT

1. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO ATTENDING ACADEMY COURSES.
2. CANCELLATIONS MADE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 WILL RECEIVE A FULL REFUND.
3. CANCELLATIONS MADE ON OR AFTER MAY 1 WILL INCUR A \$50 CANCELLATION FEE PER CLASS CANCELLED.
4. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR "NO SHOWS".

Substitutions may be made.

Method of Payment

CREDIT CARD* GOVT CHECK PERSONAL CHECK MONEY ORDER
 PO** HB 2604*** TIFMAS***

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ (mm/yy) Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ AmEx ___

Billing Zip Code: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

*Credit card payments will be processed immediately upon receipt.

**If using Purchase Order, please provide PO # _____

***If indicating HB 2604 or TIFMAS, you need to have your application in BEFORE your training begins.

Payment in the form of a credit card, check, money order or purchase order must be received prior to attending academy courses.

Mail or fax to:

Texas A&M Forest Service
Attn: Academy Coordinator
200 Technology Way, Suite 1162
College Station, TX 77845-3424

Fax: 979-458-7117

Tel: 979-458-7330



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