



Texas A&M Forest Service: 100 years and it's not over yet















Challenges

































Solutions





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THE
Texas Arbor Day & Forestry Association.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, TEMPLE, TEXAS.

January 15, 1891.

Hon. Mayor,

Texas,

Dear Sir:

The second annual convention of the Texas Arbor Day and Forestry Association will meet at Galveston, Texas, February 9th, 1891, at 9 a. m., sharp. This is in response to an urgent welcome sent us by the citizens of Galveston to meet with them during their approaching great Mardi Gras festivities.—We have a large membership and expect an enthusiastic gathering. We want your city represented, and beg that you will immediately appoint ten delegates—ladies and gentlemen—who on returning will assist you in properly observing Arbor Day—February 22nd. We wish to have a splendid State observance this year of Arbor Day. The subject of tree growing and flower culture is of great importance to our State and we trust you will assist us in your fullest capacity. Please find out who may attend this convention, make your appointments, and immediately notify the secretary. At this meeting an election of officers will take place for the ensuing year. All members and delegates will wear a sprig of Arbor Vitae on their dress.

Respectfully,

W. GOODRICH JONES,
Secretary.



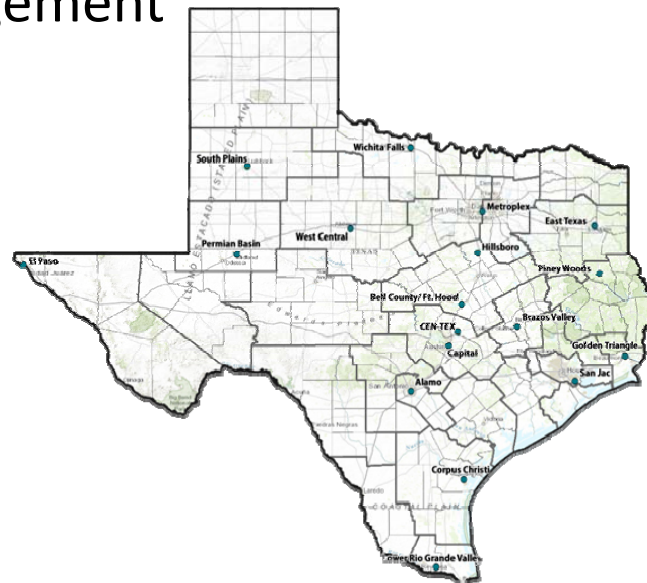
Statutory Authority

- Created in 1915 by the 34th Legislature and is mandated by law to “assume direction of all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state.”
- In 1993, the 73rd Legislature expanded TFS responsibility to include “Coordination of the response to each major or potentially major wildland fire in the state.”



Statutory Authority

- In 2006, RP-57 required the development ***“eight regional response teams to support multi-jurisdictional operations during catastrophic events.”*** TFS mobilizes regional teams at the request of the Texas Division of Emergency Management



Today:

- 18 teams
- 800 members



One of the first state agencies to adopt ICS

- During the 80s and 90s in Texas, ICS was used to manage wildfire suppression operations
- Adopted by TDEM, DPS, TxARNG, TxDOT and Red Cross
- TFS began using ICS for other types of incidents
- 1984—agency's first incident management team was formed
- 1987—TDEM requested TFS to deliver ICS training to local emergency response agencies



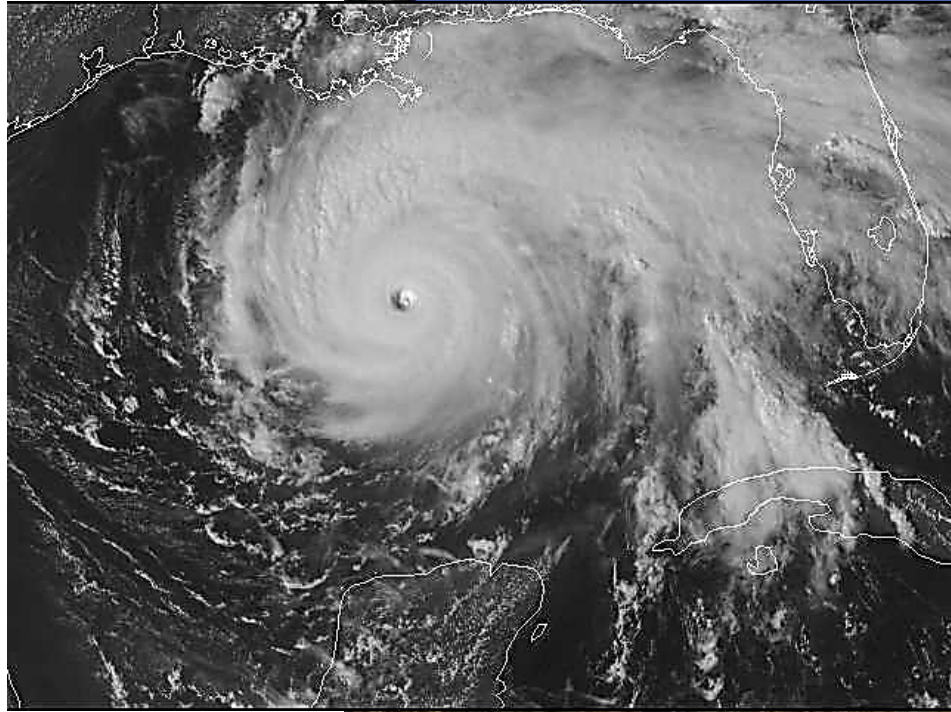


March 10, 1988
Big Country Fire
Shackelford County

366,000 acres
 (200,000+ acres in one day)
 threatened Albany and Moran











Evolving Incident Management



Phase 1

- Incident Management Organization Succession Planning (January 2010)
- Report: Evolving Incident Management: A Recommendation for the Future (December 2011)



Phase 2

- Strategic Implementation Plan (February 2012)

Phase 3

- Developing a new Incident Management Organization – phased in over a period of years (2016)

TFS All-Risk Responses

Hurricanes:

Bret (1999, Texas)
Isidore (2002, Louisiana)
Lili (2002, Louisiana)
Claudette (2003, Texas)
Isabel (2003, North Carolina)
Erika (2003, Texas)
Florida (2004)

- Charley (Aug.)
- Frances (Sept.)
- Ivan (Sept.)
- Jeanne (Sept.)

Katrina (2005, Louisiana)

Rita (2005, Texas)

***Dean (2007, Texas)**

Humberto (2007, Texas)

***Dolly (2008, Texas)**

***Gustav (2008, Louisiana)**

***Ike (2008, Texas)**

***Alex (2010, Texas)**

***Hurricane Irene (New York, 2011)**

***Hurricane Sandy (New York, 2012)**

Tropical Storms:

Charley (1998, Texas)

Frances (1998, Texas)

Allison (2001, Texas)

Faye (2002, Texas)

Erin (2007, Texas)

***Edouard (2008, Texas)**

Flooding:

Guadalupe River (1987)

Del Rio (1998)

Victoria, Cuero, San Antonio (1998)

San Antonio/Hill Country (2002)

Liberty County (2002)

Robertson and Brazos County (2004)

San Antonio/Central Texas (2004)

Thanksgiving (2004)

Houston (2006)

El Paso (2006)

Southeast Texas (2006)

***North and Central Texas (2007)**

***San Augustine/Sabine (2008)**

Wichita County (2008)

***Presidio County (2008)**

East Texas (2009)

Laredo (TD #2) (2010)

Eagle Pass (2013)

Tornadoes:

Jarrell (1997)

Fort Worth (2000)

Hondo (2001)

Corpus Christi (2002)

Rusk County (2003)

Tulia/Cactus (2007)

Eagle Pass (2007)

North Texas (2013)

Law Enforcement:

Republic of Texas Standoff (1997)

Border Security Support (2006)

***Latter Day Saints Support (2008)**

Petrochemical:

Corpus Christi Exxon Oil Spill (1992)

***Alon Refinery Explosion (2008)**

Sporting Events:

Super Bowl XXXVIII (2004)

MLB All-Star Game (2004)

World Series (2006)

Super Bowl XLV (2011)

***Formula One Race (2012)**

Duck Commander 500 NASCAR (2014)

NCAA Final Four (2014)

Miscellaneous:

Timber Blowdown – East Texas (1998)

A&M Bonfire Collapse (1999)

Y2K FEMA Support (1999)

September 11th (2001)

Columbia Space Shuttle Recovery (2003)

El Paso Exotic Newcastle Disease (2003)

***Nat'l Strategic Stockpile (2009)**

***West Fertilizer Plant Explosion (2013)**

***Texas Winter Weather Event (2013)**

H1N1 Flu Response (2009)

Type 3 IMT Assists to TFS on Wildfires:

***Georgia State Fires (2007)**

***Texas Fires (2008)**

***North Texas Fire Siege (2009)**

***Texas Fires (2009)**

***Trans Pecos Fires (2010)**

***Texas Fire Response (2011)**

***New Mexico State Fire Support (2012)**

Asterisk (*) indicates participation by T-3 local gov't resources.



Hurricane Ike



Team: North Texas

Tropical Storm Sandy



Team: San Jac

West Fertilizer Plant Explosion



Team: Alamo

Local response and event
planning incidents



Tri County Complex Fire (*Riley
Road/ Crown Ranch Fires*)

Waller, Grimes, Montgomery
Counties

Team: San Jac



But the real power of the IMT is at the local level



Local response and event
planning incidents

Alon Refinery Explosion
Big Spring, Texas

Team: Midland



Local response and event planning incidents



High rise fire at Castle Hills
San Antonio, Texas

Team: Alamo



Train wreck



Tanker rollover, Mutual Aid Assist in another county



Flood

Local response and event
planning incidents



Formula One Auto Racing
Austin, Texas

Team: Capitol Area



Local response and event
planning incidents



Texas Reds,
Bryan, Texas

Team: Brazos Valley



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Road clearing due to extreme winter weather



December 2, 2014
– January 3, 2015



Celebration





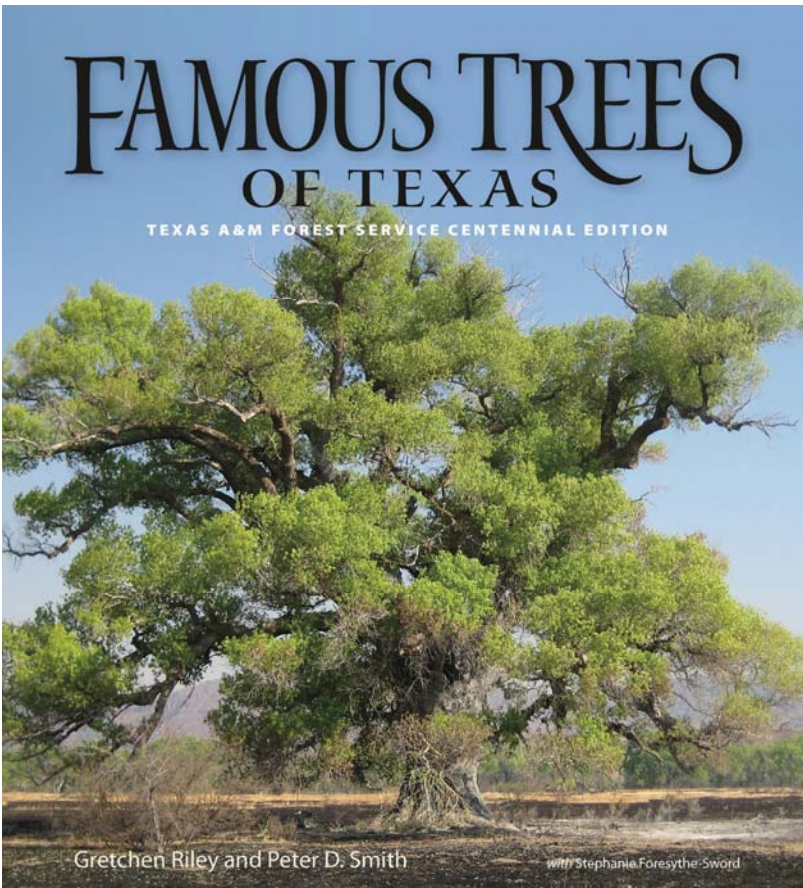
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100 YEARS OF SERVICE
2015

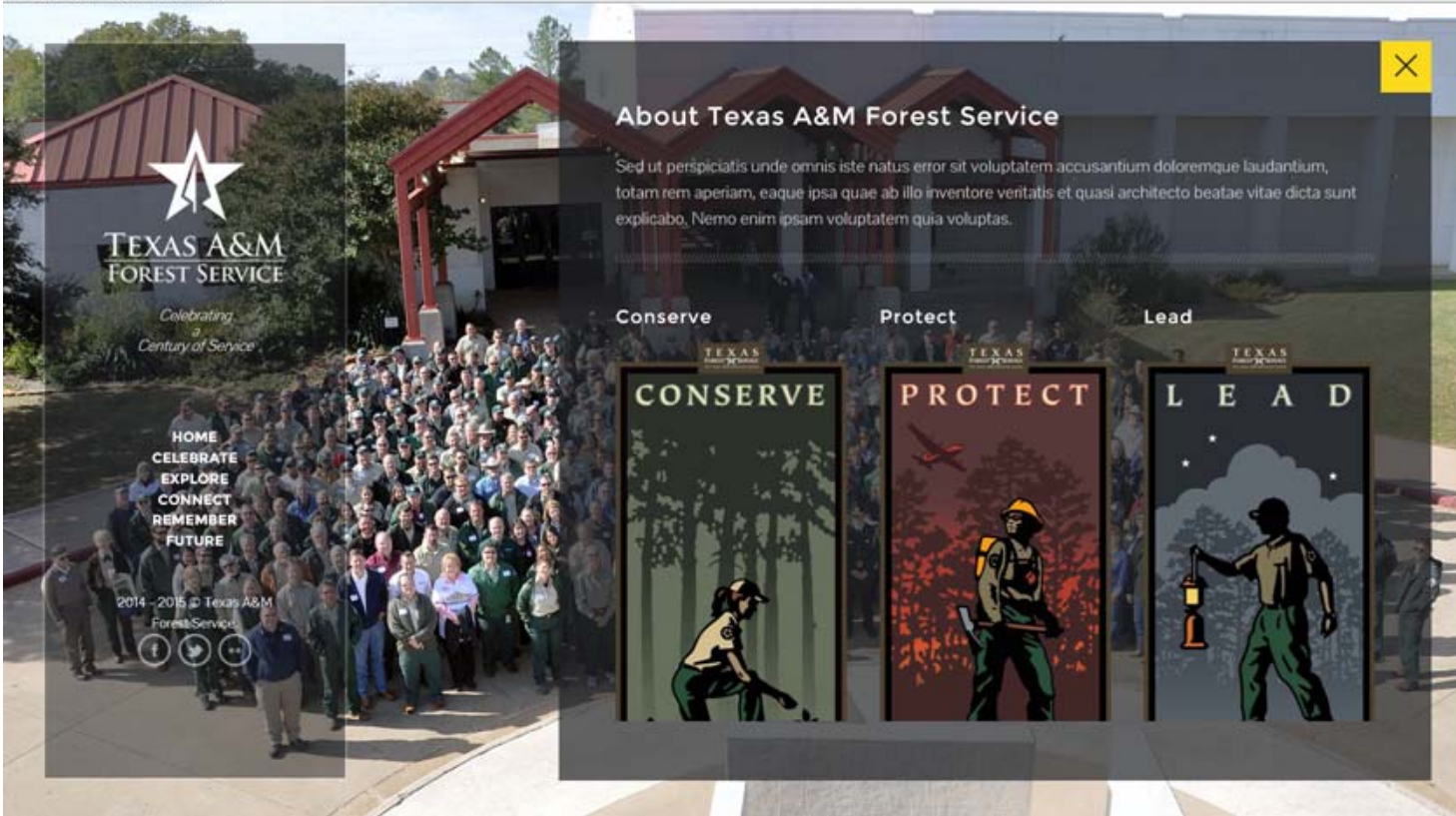
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On exhibit from
March 16–Nov. 18, 2015 at the
George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

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a
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