



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

RURAL VFD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HB2604)

2011 TEEX Spring / ARFF Fire School & Municipal Fire School

This Special Announcement is being provided to inform of specific offerings being provided by the Texas Forest Service for the 2011 TEEX Spring/ARFF Fire School & Municipal Fire School. See more information below....

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| COST SHARE RATES FOR TEEX ANNUAL SCHOOLS (Training Tuition) |
| 100% of the actual cost of tuition not to exceed \$85 per day up to a maximum of \$590 per trainee, and not to exceed \$5,900 (10 Trainees) per school per department. The maximum training tuition assistance an applicant may receive during a fiscal year (September thru August) is \$12,000. |

Spring / ARFF Fire School (March 6-11, 2011)

- ✓ **TRAINING TUITION GRANTS** *Pre-Paid Enrollment Vouchers Available!*
 - Pre-paid Enrollment Vouchers are available to applicants applying before the TEEX enrollment deadline. Approval letters will be forwarded to TEEX and serve as a pre-paid enrollment voucher.
 - Applicants applying for tuition assistance after the TEEX enrollment deadline will be required to furnish course certificates, as well as a paid invoice or proof of payment to receive reimbursement.

Municipal Fire School (July 24-29, 2011)

- ✓ **TRAINING TUITION GRANTS** *Pre-Paid Enrollment Vouchers Available!*
 - Pre-paid Enrollment Vouchers are available to applicants applying before the TEEX enrollment deadline. Approval letters will be forwarded to TEEX and serve as a pre-paid enrollment voucher.
 - Applicants applying for tuition assistance after the TEEX enrollment deadline will be required to furnish course certificates, as well as a paid invoice or proof of payment to receive reimbursement.
- ✓ **DORM LODGING**
 - Please indicate the number of firefighters in need of dorm lodging on your application. Reimbursement is not available for off-campus commercial lodging.
- ✓ **MEAL CARDS**
 - Please indicate the number of firefighters in need of a meal card on your application. Reimbursement is not available for off-campus meals.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

TO APPLY, PLEASE SUBMIT:

- 1) Application for Rural Fire Defense Assistance (Form TFS-FO-400)
- 2) Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (Form W-9)

Via Mail or Fax to:

**Texas Forest Service
Emergency Services Grants Unit
John B. Connally Building
301 Tarrow, Suite 304
College Station, Texas 77840

Fax: 979-845-6160**

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- **Written application for a Training Tuition grant must be received by the Texas Forest Service before the course start-date.** An application received on or after the course start-date is not eligible for grant assistance.
- **Dorm Lodging & Meal Cards are provided through utilization of federal funds. Dorm lodging and meal cards are only available to those departments listed as NIMS Compliant with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).**
 - To confirm or update the NIMS status of your department, please contact TDEM at 512-424-2450.

The Application for Rural Fire Defense Assistance (Form FO-400), Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (Form W-9) may be acquired from the following websites or by contacting the Texas Forest Service:

College Station (979) 458-5540

<http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/>

<http://texasforestservicetamu.edu>