

Wildfire Awareness Week

Wildfire Awareness Week is an effort to draw public attention to the growing threat of wildfires and about challenges wildland firefighter face when fighting wildfires. What you do not know about these devastating natural disasters will stagger you.

Here are a few facts:

- In Texas, people start 95 percent of all wildfires.
- Over 80 percent of all wildfires occur within two miles of a community.
- Anyone can accidentally start a wildfire by throwing out a lit cigarette, welding or grinding in high weeds and grass, not taking proper precautions when burning debris, driving a car with a hot catalytic converter into tall grass, or even bailing hay.
- The 2005-06 and 2008 wildfire seasons were the worst in Texas history. Over 900 Texas families lost their homes and 19 people were killed.

This is a great time to learn what you can do to protect yourself, family, home and Texas from wildfires. For more information, contact Jan Fulkerson at 512-847-7387.