

# KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED


## TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE OPERATIONS




As an agency with substantial responsibilities in emergency response, including wildfires and all-hazards, sustaining a properly trained and qualified workforce is critical to protecting the citizens of Texas and their property.

### TOTAL IMPACT for FY2005 – FY2023

#### TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE OPERATIONS *saved*




**\$11.5 Billion** in  
Property values



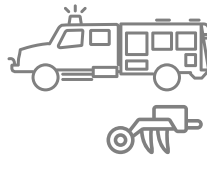
**69,485** Homes

#### THE ASK:


## \$29.95M FOR THE BIENNIUM




**Add 40 personnel**  
to support wildfire  
and emergency  
response operations



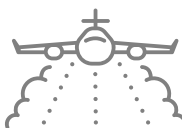
**Cover the unprecedented  
cost increases** for vehicle  
and heavy equipment  
replacements



**Improve  
compensation  
levels** to recruit quality  
employees and retain  
trained/experienced  
employees



**Improve the ability  
to cover increasing  
costs** of equipment  
maintenance, repairs,  
and fuel for dozers and  
motor graders



**Improve the response capacity** of the state  
with a reduction in cost for out-of-state resources  
(and associated supplemental appropriation request)

A Texas A&M Forest Service  
Wildland Firefighter's wage  
starts at **\$20.45/hr**

(UP FROM \$15/HR IN JUNE 2023)

According to an MIT Living  
Wage Calculator, a living  
wage in Texas in 2024 for:

**1 adult**, with  
no children is **\$20.92/hr**

**2 adults, both  
working**, with  
2 children is **\$24.20/hr**

A living wage is what one full-time worker  
must earn on an hourly basis to help cover  
the cost of their family's minimum basic  
needs where they live while still being  
self-sufficient.

Amy K. Glasmeier, "Living Wage Calculator,"  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2024.  
Accessed on September 17, 2024, from  
<https://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/01001>.