

# WILDFIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

There is a growing trend in the size and severity of wildfires and other disasters that require Texas A&M Forest Service support. This reality increases the demand for agency personnel and equipment to respond in support of local jurisdictions.

## TEXAS WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

### TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

- Delivers Statewide Wildfire Response And Protection
- Manages Wildfire Operations
- Prevents And Mitigates Wildfires
- Provides All-Hazard Emergency Response Support

### THE ASK: FOR THE BIENNIUM



**\$29.95M**

Keeping Texas Prepared - Texas A&M Forest Service Operations



**\$44M**

Rural Volunteer Fire Dept. Assistance Program



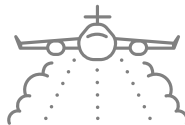
**\$169.1M**

Aerial Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Contracts plus Full-Time Positions to manage and support air operations



**\$100M**

Additional Volunteer Fire Department Grants VFDs are the state's first line of defense against wildfires. The current amount of unfunded VFD grant requests is \$170 million.



**\$200M**

Wildfire and Emergency Response Bills The agency has maintained minimal reliance on costly out-of-state resources. However, large and destructive wildfires require additional resources including aircraft and associated personnel that are not funded within normal agency appropriations.



IF FUNDED  
Funding will purchase:  
*Needed Support  
for Tiered Wildfire  
Response Approach*