



## **RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM (HB 3667)**

### **2015 GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Protect your firefighters from the unexpected expenses that can come from an accident by acquiring any combination of compensation insurance for firefighter's (workers' compensation, death, and/or disability) insurance purchased from Texas insurance companies.*

#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION...**

The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Program (HB 3667) is a grant program designed to reimburse volunteer fire departments for the purchase of insurance from private insurance companies.

#### **WHAT IS ELIGIBLE...**

Eligible coverage includes any combination of compensation insurance for firefighters (workers' compensation, death, and/or disability insurance) purchased from Texas insurance companies. The insurance coverage must include a workers' compensation or similar benefit, such as accident, sickness, death or disability benefit. For eligibility, policy coverage must fall within calendar year 2015 (all or part).

#### **HOW MUCH WILL IT PAY...**

The program will reimburse 100% of the actual cost of eligible insurance coverage, up to a maximum of \$112.00 per fire department member covered in the calendar year 2015.

Awards are provided on a first come basis until all available grant funds are exhausted.

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE...**

Any chartered, non-profit volunteer fire department operated by its members is eligible. Any part-paid/part-volunteer fire department is also eligible, provided the number of paid members is 20 or less. Paid members are calculated based on the number of full-time paid and part-paid positions. Two part-paid positions are equivalent to one full-time paid position. Eligible fire departments covered by a city or county insurance policy may also qualify for the program.

All eligible departments must participate in a firefighter certification program administered under Section 419.071 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Commission on Fire Protection), or by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas (SFFMA), or by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).



## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### **TO APPLY, PLEASE SUBMIT BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2015:**

- 1) Application for Workers' Compensation Insurance Assistance (Form FO-408)
- 2) Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (IRS Form W-9)
- 3) Roster of active fire department members.
- 4) Copy of a Payroll Classification Schedule Page 1 and 2, or a copy of the current paid insurance policy which provides insurance coverage during the calendar year 2015, or payment Receipt for a Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy, or Death Insurance Policy, or Disability Insurance Policy.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- The policy or payment documents must show the policy number, the cost or premium amount and the coverage period.
- All required reimbursement documents must accompany the 2015 grant application form.
- Applications, either complete or incomplete, arriving after August 31, 2015 are not eligible for reimbursement.
- ONLY ONE application will be accepted for the enrollment period of December 2014 thru August 2015.
- Awards are provided on a first come basis until all available grant funds are exhausted.

### **Submit Via Mail or Fax to:**

**Texas A&M Forest Service  
Emergency Services Grants Unit  
200 Technology Way, Suite 1162  
College Station, Texas 77845-3424  
Fax: 979-845-6160  
Email: [ffins@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:ffins@tfs.tamu.edu)**

The Application for Workers' Compensation Insurance Assistance (Form FO-408), Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (IRS Form W-9), and Fire Department Roster may be acquired from the website below or by contacting us at **(979) 458-6505**.

**[www.texasfd.com](http://www.texasfd.com)**

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