TxDOT & WILDLAND FIRES
TxDOT SUPPORT

- Fires can start without warning and without any local fire fighting support near by.
- TxDOT has over 240 maintenance sections – most have some basic support equipment.
- TxDOT has no resources to fight fires, but we are ready to offer SUPPORT to the firefighting efforts.
COMMAND TRAILER
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
DOZERS & MOTORGRADERS

TxDOT can offer motor graders to grade fire breaks.
FIRE BREAKS
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL
FIRE SUPPRESSION SUPPORT
FUEL & EQUIPMENT

- Fuel for Volunteer Firefighting Vehicles
- Fuel for TAMFS and Law Enforcement Vehicles
- Water Tankers
- Motor graders
- Dozers
- Barricades
REQUESTING SUPPORT

– Requests for support are for times when a wildfire grows beyond the resources of a county
– Immediate support for imminent threat to life and property
– Formal request must come from the senior elected official through the DDC
-- Disaster District Chairperson
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

• Our personnel are trained to respond to the fire next door
• If there is imminent threat to life and property
• We do not need to ask for permission
• We do have to report our response to our leadership
RESPONSE

• Once request is made, local TxDOT crews will be called out to assist

• TxDOT crews work under the authority of the local incident commander:
  – County judge
  – Local fire chief
  – Local law enforcement
  – TAMFS
DO’S AND DON’Ts

• TxDOT crews are trained to work in support roles only; they are not firefighters, and cannot be used to augment local firefighting personnel
• TxDOT personnel providing fire breaks will not work at night
• Will report to TAMFS or Incident Commander
BURN BAN SIGNS

• Generally, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) does not post burn ban messages on electronic message signs such as permanent Dynamic Message Signs or Portable Changeable Message Signs. However, TxDOT may post burn ban messages on electronic message signs, under special circumstances:
  – If there is an active, catastrophic wildfire affecting the area, and the Disaster District Committee (DDC) Chairperson directs TxDOT to post burn ban messages
  – Upon request by the State Operations Center and with the approval of TxDOT Administration
  – At the discretion of the District Engineer, with regard to heightened fire activity
BURN BAN COMPLIANCE

- Counties are permitted to provide and install their own burn ban signs along TxDOT-maintained right of way, but only if those signs comply with TxDOT policy.
- Burn ban signs must be concealed or removed from view unless a burn ban is in effect.
- TxDOT suggests that burn ban signs be white with red letters (see Handouts).
- Burn ban signs must not block other signs from view.
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BURN BAN IN EFFECT

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CARCASS DISPOSAL

• TxDOT personnel, under the direction of the DDC and TCEQ, may be used to assist with carcass disposal
QUESTIONS

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