

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force

Component Overview



WLFS*

[Wildland Fire Support Unit]

MISSION

- Provide dedicated medical response & force protection teams & assets for firefighters responding to moderate to large scale wildland fires.
 - Integrated teams & assets from the fire-line to staging & base camps to incident command posts.

CAPABILITIES

- A suite of teams & assets, both new & pre-existing, support the WLFS mission;
 - Pre-existing TX EMTF components that support this mission: AMBUSs, Ambulance Strike Teams [air (AMST) & ground(AST)], Medical Incident Support Teams [MIST], & Mobile Medical Units [MMU]
 - WLFS elements specific to this component: Wildland Paramedic Units [WPU]; Rapid Extraction Module [REM]
 - Medical Unit Leader [MEDL] cross-trained MIST

TYPING/STAFFING

- Wildland Paramedic Units [WPU]:**
 - [2] Paramedics, mobile [4X4 SUV&/ATV], ALS capable
 - WPUs operate just behind the fire-line, in close proximity to working fire crews to provide rapid ALS level care to firefighters
 - S-130 & S-190 qualified w/ appropriate Wildland Fire PPE
- Rapid Extraction Module [REM]:**
 - [4] Rescue Technician Paramedics, ALS capable, mobile [4X4 SUV&/ATV] with technical rescue gear
 - REMs operate near the fire-line, in close proximity to working fire crews in rough terrain to facilitate rapid access, extraction, & care for injured/ill firefighters
 - S-130 & S-190 qualified w/ appropriate Wildland Fire PPE, Rope Rescue Technician, & S-270 & S-271
- Medical Unit Leader [MEDL]:**
 - MIST w/ wildland fire experience
 - MEDLs operate in operations centers and incident command posts assisting & coordinating the incident Medical Plan
 - S-359 Medical Unit Leader training



Personnel / Asset Counts

Staffing & asset profiles are based upon the number of responders, duration of the operational periods, & size, scope, & characteristics of the incident

WPU: [2] Paramedics

[1-2] Vehicles

[1] EMS CMD Vehicle [4X4]

[1] All-Terrain Vehicle

REM: [4] Rescue Tech Paramedics

[2-3] Vehicles

[1-2] EMS CMD Vehicle [4X4]

[1] All-Terrain Vehicle

MEDL: [2] MIST members

[1-2] Vehicles

[1-2] EMS/SUV CMD Vehicle



*WLFS is a developing component