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## Wildland Fire Academy Taking Place at Camp Perkins

Wichita Falls, Texas–The Red River Valley Wildfire Academy is being held at Camp Perkins in Wichita Falls, TX. The academy began January 24 and runs through February 3, 2020. This year marks the fifth year of this academy. Three hundred and five students are in attendance this year, including personnel from Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) along with over 80 other agencies and departments.

A variety of training is being offered, including basic and advanced wildland fire and incident management courses. This type of training is highly beneficial for local departments. With the knowledge gained in these courses, firefighters are better equipped to work in cooperation with agencies such as TFS should the need arise.

“This academy is born of a cooperative effort and delivers valuable training in up-to-date wildfire and incident management tactics and techniques, which allows us to better protect our citizens and communities,” says Wichita Falls Assistant Fire Marshal Jared Burchett.

Classes being offered include S-130/S-190 Firefighter Training/Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, S-131 Firefighter Type 1, S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use, PMS-419 Wildland Engine Operator, S-200 Initial Attack Incident Commander, S-219 Firing Operations, S-230 Crew Boss, S-231 Engine Boss, S-270 Basic Air Operations, S-271 Helicopter Crew Member, S-244 Field Observer, L-280 Followership to Leadership, UTV/ATV Operator, GPS/Mapping, Heavy Equipment Operator, RESL Resources Unit Leader, STAM Staging Area Manager, SITL Situation Unit Leader, and MEDL Medical Unit Leader.

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