



# Press Release



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## **Wichita Falls Fire Department Assists in Panhandle Fires**

Wichita Falls, Texas - The Wichita Falls Fire Department is assisting the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System in fighting the devastating fires in the panhandle. Currently, there are a total of 9 Wichita Falls and 1 other local area Firefighter, and equipment from the County area, that have been deployed to various fires as part of three Strike Teams. There is the possibility more Wichita Falls Firefighters will be deployed, depending how the situation develops.

Wichita Falls Fire Chief Donald Hughes said, "We are proud to provide support to our panhandle neighbors as they are dealing with this disaster. We also want to assure our residents that despite the assistance we are providing, the City's local fire services are not affected and are operating as normal."

The Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System is funded fully by the State of Texas and covers departmental costs associated with assisting when needed.

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