

## North Central Texas Wildland Fire Committee

### Mission

The mission of the North Central Texas Wildland Fire Committee is to increase the regions' ability to respond to and adequately address the threat to lives and property from devastating wildfires in the region. This goal will be achieved through comprehensive education and mitigation programs in addition to standardized response guidelines throughout the region. The collaboration and shared knowledge from key stakeholders, including local fire jurisdictions, state and federal fire agencies will be the cornerstone of this effort.

### Focus

In concert with the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, this committee will focus on four areas of effort:

- **Wildfire Response:** Safe and effective response to wildfires is the highest priority of the National Strategy, and includes enhancing wildfire response preparedness with an emphasis on both structural protection and wildfire prevention to maximize the effectiveness of initial response.
- **Mitigation:** The next area is vegetation and fuels management, and is perhaps the most challenging issue. General guidance in this area includes designing and prioritizing fuel treatments; strategically placing fuel treatments; increasing use of prescribed fire for meeting resource objectives; and continuing and expanding the use of all methods to improve the resiliency of our forests and rangelands.
- **Education:** The education component involves engaging homeowners and communities in taking proactive action prior to wildfires.
- **Prevention:** The fourth focus area includes emphasizing programs and activities, tailored to meet identified local needs, which seek to prevent human-caused ignitions.

### Methods

This committee will seek to engage the expertise of members from the fire community with specific knowledge and experience in wildland fire management. We will welcome the input of all stakeholders in an effort to develop the most comprehensive and effective programs through the following focus groups:

- Response
- Mitigation
- Education/Prevention