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## Memorandum

**To:** Carol Strickland, Collin County Department of Homeland Security

**From:** Mack Borchardt, Fire Chief

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**Subject:** Presentation on the development and 2011 activities of the "Collin-Rockwall-Hunt" Fire Task Force

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The State of Texas began to develop the concept of Statewide Mutual Aid in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005; the fire services component of this concept is the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), which operates under the umbrella of the Texas Forest Service (TFS). In 2009 the Frisco Fire Department was approached by TIFMAS to coordinate a Task Force that would be ready for the statewide mutual aid deployment of personnel, apparatus and equipment as requested by the State of Texas for emergency response; the primary emergencies would include (1) wildfires and (2) hurricanes.

As the Frisco Fire Department sought the interest of local fire service agencies to participate in the Task Force, a three-county structure was proposed to include Collin County, Rockwall County and Hunt County. This three-county concept, while new, was endorsed by the State of Texas. The Task Force was then named the "Collin-Rockwall-Hunt" Fire Task Force. The Frisco Fire Department will present some additional background information regarding the formation of the Task Force, additional information regarding the local agencies that participate in Task Force activities and outline the recent deployments of Task Force "Strike Teams" to provide mutual aid assistance for the recent wildfire activity in West Texas and the Panhandle Region in 2011.

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