

Cooperative Fire Protection Program

State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance Programs

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry



Description: Wildland fire management is vital to protecting lives and property and for maintaining healthy forests and grasslands. In the 20 Northeast and Midwest States, Cooperative Fire Protection Program grants and assistance help support State wildland fire programs that serve 40 percent of the Nation's population.

Key Issues:

- Federal assistance is critical for effective fire management programs that serve multiple jurisdictions.
- Local volunteer fire departments are a key to wildland fire suppression in the Northeast and Midwest.

Accomplishments:

Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, State, and partner accomplishments include:

State Fire Assistance Program (including the National Fire Plan)

- Treated 118,480 acres with prescribed fire and 18,050 acres with equipment to reduce hazardous fuels.
- Prepared 524 community protection plans, risk assessments or equivalents, and 1,849 education programs.
- Trained 21,305 people in Incident Management and wildland fire suppression.
- Provided specialized assistance to 5,643 communities for needs such as rural water supplies and defensible space and Firewise activities in high-priority watersheds.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Program

- Trained 8,305 volunteers about the Incident Command System and wildland fire suppression.
- Assisted 3,277 fire departments and formed 8 new fire departments.
- Awarded \$3.8 million in grants to 2,022 departments.

Federal Excess Personal Property and Department of Defense Firefighter Property Programs

- Acquired and loaned \$32.9 million in new firefighting equipment. More than \$228 million in Federal equipment, mainly trucks and some aircraft, is currently on loan to State and local fire agencies.
- Signed over \$33.7 million in equipment to eight States under the Firefighter Property Program.

Budget History:

Cooperative Fire Protection Program				
<i>(\$ Thousands)</i>				
	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY2011	FY2012
State Fire Assistance Program	\$13,405	\$16,494	\$17,427	
Volunteer Fire Assistance Program	4,566	4,981	4,824	
Total	\$17,971	\$21,475	\$22,251	

Future Direction:

- Emphasize effective, efficient use of Federal resources.
- Promote integrating fire management into landscape-scale management planning and implementation.

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