

## What is the N.C. Forest Service Fire Department Assistance Program?

The program is designed to help North Carolina fire departments with:

- Wildland Fire Training
- GSA Purchasing
- VFAP Award Program (50-50 Match for Wildland Clothing)
- FEPP Loan Program/FFP/DoD Program
- Class A Foam Purchasing



# The N.C. Forest Service Fire Department Assistance Program



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## Wildland Fire Suppression for Fire Departments



The N.C. Forest Service realized the need for more training with fire departments to safely fight major wildland fires. To address this issue we developed this course to train fire departments in the suppression of wildland fires. This course covers topics ranging from Incident Command System (ICS), fire behavior, size-up, mop-up, safety and more.

## Wildland Fire Training Courses

- Computer Fire Simulator
- S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface
- S-130/S-190 Basic Wildland Fire Training
- L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- S-212 Portable Power Saws—Normally through community college
- S-211 Portable Pumps
- Incident Command System
- Fire Behavior
- Strategy and Tactics
- Safety
- Chainsaw Safety
- Class A-Foam Use
- Safety in Storm Damaged Areas
- Wildland Urban Interface Evacuation Exercises
- Regional Fire School
- Statewide Courses
- Wildland Fire Symposium,
- And more

## How is the program paid for?

The N.C. Forest Service Fire Department Assistance Program started in June 1993. The program is funded by federal and state funds.



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## VFAP 50/50 Match Award Program

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and water handling awards are offered each year through this program. Fire departments that are chosen to receive an award through this program may receive up to a maximum of \$1,200 in matching funds to purchase wildland personal protective equipment. One criteria for qualification is that fire departments must serve a population of less than 10,000 people.

The ability for fire departments to purchase wildland personal protective equipment (PPE) and water handling items will increase firefighter safety, provide more efficient suppression operations, and increase the number of properly equipped firefighters in our state.



Please remember to order fire shelters as needed, the old ones are outdated.

The application process for this program is open once a year.

Please visit the forms and grants section of our Web site to find out more information about this program.

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## Class A Foam Purchasing Program

The N.C. Forest Service has Class A Foam available for purchase by fire departments. The foam can be used on all Class A fires and can greatly increase wetting capability of water.

The N.C. Forest Service obtains the foam through a negotiated blanket purchase order which results in substantial savings. In turn, the foam is sold to fire departments at the same price as purchased by the N.C. Forest Service.

If interested in purchasing Class A Foam contact your county forest ranger or submit your request on one of our order forms. Astaris Phos Chek is the brand currently available for purchase. The current price of a 5 gallon pail of foam can be found on our website at [http://ncforestservice.gov/fire\\_control/fc\\_foam.htm](http://ncforestservice.gov/fire_control/fc_foam.htm)



*Astaris Phos Chek Class A Foam*

## GSA Purchasing for Fire Departments

The General Services Administration (GSA) purchasing program helps provide appropriate personnel protective equipment (PPE) for fire departments involved in wildland firefighting.

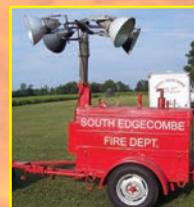
The program was initiated in 1994 to help fire departments purchase needed equipment at discounts of up to 50 percent. While only selected equipment is offered through this program, they are often items that are hard to find elsewhere.

County and district rangers with the N.C. Forest Service can assist fire departments with getting equipment through this program. Items are shipped to one of the N.C. Forest Service's district offices and delivered to the fire department by a county ranger.



*Current product catalog and order form can be found on our website under grants and assistance programs.*

## DoD Program/FEPP Loan Program



The equipment acquired through the DoD and Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) programs is U.S. Forest Service-owned and most of the property originally belonged to the

U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). The equipment acquired through either program is for wildland and rural firefighting.

The DoD program allows fire departments to take ownership of the equipment they receive. Through the FEPP program the equipment is loaned to state forestry agencies, which in turn provide it to fire departments for their use.

Fire departments must submit a request form to be put on the waiting list for FEPP/DoD equipment.



**The benefits of the program include:**

- Fire departments can put a unit into service inexpensively.
- Provides increased suppression and protection for citizens.
- Items save money for fire departments to use for other needs.
- Fire departments take pride in their efforts for equipping the units.

**See the N.C. Forest Service website for more information.**