

We are Looking to all Non-Fire Employees to



Support Local, Regional, and National Fire/Incident Response Programs.

WHO ARE MILITA?

Militia Support - Militia is defined as an employee who is programmed less than 50% out of preparedness (WFPR) and/or suppression (WFSU) funds.

WHY DO WE NEED YOUR HELP?

Our fire Suppression organization is designed to provide highly successful initial attack and implement our fuels program. But when the number of wildfires and/or size of those fires exceeds our capacity it requires additional firefighting capability (firefighters) and support (finance, dispatch, plans, logistics, public information) personnel to sustain our incident management needs.

WHAT TYPE OF ASSIGNMENTS COULD I BE SENT TO?

Employees are normally dispatched to wildfires and prescribed fire assignments. However, the Forest Service supports FEMA and is often tasked with assisting with Presidentially declared disasters and emergencies. Examples of this include floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, and Covid-19. Employees can choose to respond locally or across the country.

ARE ANY OF THESE POSITIONS VIRTUAL?

Yes, due to Covid-19 there has been an increase in using virtual positions whenever possible. You could be working from your home. Most positions still require travel to the incident, and often tent camping in a fire camp setting. Discuss with your training officer or fire management staff for more details.

CAN I JOIN A TEAM?

Yes, the Eastern Area has two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (IMT). Each IMT is deployed with approximately 58 personnel to manage complex fires and incidents, trainees often comprise 15-20 of those positions. We are constantly recruiting and training new personnel. If you would like to learn more visit this site or contact Steve Goldman at steve.goldman@usda.gov. Information: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/logistics/overhead/overhead.htm>

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP AND GET STARTED?

Below is a small list of entry level positions available to employees with no current Incident qualifications. If you would like to look further into incident positions, please click on the NWCG link below. (<https://www.nwcg.gov/positions>).

1. COMMAND:

- a. [Public Information Officer](#) (PIO)

2. OPERATIONS:

- a. [Firefighter](#) (FFT2) position is an entry level position that would be used to help support fire crews that are formed and sent to assist incidents or prescribed fires.

3. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

- a. [Personal Time Recorder](#) (PTRC)
- b. [Equipment Time Recorder](#) (EQTR)

4. LOGISTICS:

- a. [Radio Operator](#) (RADO)
- b. [Receiving/Distribution Manger](#) (RCDM)
- c. [Ordering Manager](#) (ORDM)
- d. [Expanded Dispatch Recorder](#) (EDRC)

5. AVIATION:

- a. [Aircraft Time Keeper](#) (ATIM)
- b. [Fixed Wing Parking Tender](#) (FWPT)

5. PLANNING:

- a. [Status/Check-in Recorder](#) (SCKN)
- b. [Display Processor](#) (DPRO)

IS THERE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HELP?

There is funding available to attend fire related training and fitness testing for militia personnel for fire. There is no limit on the number of training hours a militia employee may use; however, militia employees shall coordinate with local fire management staff prior to using this code.

Allowable expenditures:

1. Salary, tuition, and associated travel related to attending training. Fuels-funded personnel may use funding for training and qualifications that are not a requirement for their regular position (PIOF, SCKN, PTRC, EQTR, etc.) but are sought to provide incident response capabilities.
2. Salary for taking the Work Capacity Test (WCT). Funding is available when a function is specific to incident management for fire/all-hazard if there is an aspect of training in the function (fire courses, Incident Business Meeting, IMT meetings, etc.). This is consistent with the intent of FSH 6509.11g, Chapter 50 and it is appropriate to use the militia training code.

Militia training code: WFSUTR21 - 0901

AD training code WFSUAD21 - 0901

Medical Exam WFSE2521 (1325)

Further Job Code Information can be found at

https://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/management_admin/incident_business/documents/2019%20Guidance%20to%20Incident%20Job%20Codes.pdf

I AM INTERESTED, WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?

If you are located on a National Forest, contact your local Fire Management Staff and work with them on where you feel you could fit into the program. If you are an Eastern Region employee working in the Regional Office or detached, the Northern Research Station, or State & Private Forestry, contact one of the Regional Training Specialists:

- Scott Swendsen, scott.swendsen@usda.gov
- Darlene Hall, darlene.hall@usda.gov
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Some of these positions require the following training: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, ICS-400, IS-700, L-180, S-130, S-190, and/or S-203. ICS-100, L-180, S-130, and S-190 are all components of basic firefighter training.

Links to start obtaining training towards position qualifications:

- ICS-100, ICS-200, and IS-700 can be taken online, and can be found here: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>
- L-180 and S-190 can be taken online too through the National Fire Academy (NFA), and you can sign up here: <https://nfa-hcm03.ns2cloud.com/learning/user/selfRegisterInit.do>
- S-130 requires a field component. So, you can take the online course on the NFA site, but you will also need to participate in a field day exercise to complete the training.
- All the other courses (ICS-300, ICS-400, S-203) are in person trainings, and you can find units or areas that are hosting them on the LMS site <https://wildlandfirelearningportal.net/login/index.php>