



Delaware wildland fire crews have worked on assignments in many states:



Alaska
California
Colorado
Florida
Idaho
Minnesota
Montana
Nevada
New York
Oregon
South Dakota
Utah
Virginia
Washington
Wyoming



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Delaware Wildland Fire Program

Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ Must be 18 years of age or older
- ◆ Must complete required training courses
- ◆ Must pass a work-capacity pack test
- ◆ Be willing to travel for three weeks
- ◆ Commitment to serving the public
- ◆ Ability to work well with others
- ◆ Must have a clean criminal record

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DELAWARE WILDLAND FIRE PROGRAM



FIRE TRAINING



JOIN THE TEAM!



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Do you have what it takes to be a wildland firefighter?

- ◆ Are you interested in participating in an adventure of a lifetime?
- ◆ Would you like to help protect human lives, property, and precious natural resources during a national crisis?
- ◆ Do you have the mental fortitude, physical stamina, and work flexibility to spend up to 21 days on a fire line far from home?

Each year, millions of acres of forests, marshes, and grasslands across the United States are ravaged by wildfire. Over the past 10 years, an average of more than 73,000 fires a year have burned almost seven million acres of valuable land annually. But thanks to special fire training sponsored by the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) Forest Service and the Delaware State Fire School, Delawareans from across the state can qualify to serve on national fire crews.

Since 1996, the DDA Forest Service has trained over 1000 volunteer firefighters to be part of the 20-person crews it deploys on out-of-state wildfire assignments. The program continues to grow and is in need of additional firefighters who are interested in assisting the important national effort to control and contain devastating wildfires. Whereas Delaware used to send only one crew a year, we now have the capacity to dispatch multiple crews to fight fires in different regions of the United States.



How do I become certified as an NWCG Firefighter Type 2?

Every year, the Delaware Forest Service offers courses required for certification under National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) guidelines:

ICS-100 Intro to Incident Command System
IS-700 National Incident Management System
S-190 Intro to Wildland Fire Behavior
S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighting
Annual Fire Camp "Live Burn" Training

In addition to successfully completing these basic introductory-level courses, an annual work capacity (physical fitness) test is required. To qualify at the mandatory arduous level, candidates must carry a 45-lb. pack over a three-mile course in less than 45 minutes. A health screening questionnaire also must be completed just prior to taking the test.



How will I benefit from joining the program?



Camaraderie: You will be part of a highly efficient and organized team of dedicated wildland firefighters with whom you will share unique life experiences.

Adventure: No two assignments are exactly alike but you can be sure that the crew will work in a picturesque area with challenging terrain features that offer spectacular vistas.

Experience: Your newly acquired wildland fire knowledge and skills will improve your effectiveness on in-state incidents including fire in the wildland/urban interface.

NIMS Compliance: All firefighters work under the Incident Command System (ICS) and you will see first-hand how this system operates on a large scale.

Leadership: Advanced training for future leadership roles at the squad boss and crew boss level are available to those firefighters who are interested.

Personal Satisfaction: Without exception, all wildland firefighters who participate in out-of-state assignments experience a sense of accomplishment having helped save lives, homes, and natural areas from certain harm.

Financial Gain: Every firefighter position on a wildland fire crew is a fully-paid position and a typical 18- to 21-day tour of duty usually averages around 300 working hours, or about \$5,900.



A wildfire in California