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AFC now accepting applications for Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants

GREENBRIER, ARK. – The Arkansas Forestry Commission is now accepting applications for the \$1,000 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. According to Robert Summerville, Rural Fire Protection Administrator, \$250,920 has been made available through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant program. The goal of the VFA grant is to train and equip local volunteer fire departments of 10,000 residents or less, in order to prevent, control and suppress fires in rural areas.

The grant is authorized through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Act and the National Fire Plan, and provides volunteer fire departments funds to purchase firefighting equipment – excluding buildings and vehicles. The USDA Forest Service provides funding and oversight for the program. The Arkansas Forestry Commission Rural Fire Protection Program solicits grant proposals from fire departments, reviews the proposals and considers statewide needs when determining awards.

Applications from qualifying communities will be accepted at AFC offices June 22 through July 20. For more information or to apply for a grant, contact your District Arkansas Forestry Commission office:

District 1 (*Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, Lincoln*) – (870) 367-6767;

District 2 (*Howard, Little River, Montgomery, Pike, Polk, Sevier*) – (870) 286-2139;

District 3 (*Arkansas, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lee, Lonoke, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, St. Francis, Woodruff*) – (870) 633-6693;

District 4 (*Columbia, Hempstead, Lafayette, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Union*) – (870) 533-4641;

District 5 (*Clark, Dallas, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Saline*) – (501) 332-2081;

District 6 (*Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, Yell*) – (479) 754-2701;

District 7 (*Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Searcy, Stone, Washington*) – (870) 269-3441;

District 8 (*Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp*) – (870) 994-2187;
or

District 9 (*Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Pulaski, Van Buren, White*) – (501) 679-2806.

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