

WILDFIRE UPDATES



Connecticut
Department of Energy &
Environmental Protection
FORESTRY DIVISION

A NEWSLETTER FOR CONNECTICUT FIRE DEPARTMENTS

A Reminder: Update Info

This newsletter contains a form to update your department's information. If there have been changes, or this form was never submitted, please submit the completed form to deep.forestry@ct.gov. Keeping this information current ensures we can communicate effectively with your department.

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Wildfire Statistics

In 2025, Connecticut recorded 253 wildfires totaling 546 acres burned. These numbers don't fully show what is happening across the state. We are not currently receiving complete or consistent data and **we need your help**.

Accurate reporting from your department is essential. Reliable statistics are critical for securing federal funding that allows us to provide services and resources to our communities.

How to Report:

Active fires: call DEEP Emergency Dispatch at 860-424-3333
Fires that have been extinguished: enter information into the Wildfire Reporting Portal or email details to deep.forestry@ct.gov.

Wildfire Reporting Portal

In 2020, the Forest Protection Program created the Wildfire Reporting Portal to streamline data collection. Entering a report takes under 5 minutes and can be done from any smartphone or computer.



Use the QR code or the attached instructions.



Wildfire Information and Support

If you would like to receive fire danger information and predictions join the ListServ: [Forest Fire Weather Information](#)

Daily Fire Danger ratings are also posted on the DEEP website: [Forest Fire Danger Report](#)

Suppression Support

Wildland fire suppression assistance is available to local fire departments. Support may include:

- On-scene technical advice
- Additional personnel
- Equipment assistance

If you need help with an active fire, contact the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection **24-hour Dispatch Center at 860-424-3333**.



Community Wildfire Defense Grant

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant is available to Connecticut communities and Tribes.

This grant supports implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy to plan for and reduce wildfire risk.

Eligible applicants include town governments, Tribes, and non-profit organizations. For more information use the QR code below or visit:



<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/forestry/forest-fire/community-fire-control-grants>

Volunteer Fire Capacity Program

The VFC Grant Program is open to fire departments in towns with 10,000 or fewer residents based on the latest census. The program strengthens rural fire departments by providing grants to help organize, train, and equip local firefighters.

In 2024, 38 fire departments received small grants totaling \$92,205.60. VFC funds supported the purchase of supplies and equipment for volunteer fire departments such as portable pumps and leaf blowers.

Each year, a portion of VFC funds also supports cadet scholarships to attend the Introduction to Fire Service class at the CT Fire Academy. Thirteen students received scholarships for the upcoming summer's programs.

The 2026 VFC grants are expected to be announced in late May to Mid-June of this year. The application period is anticipated to close at the end of August. Applications will be distributed via email. If you are an eligible department, please make sure we have updated contact information for your department.



Resources for Fire Departments

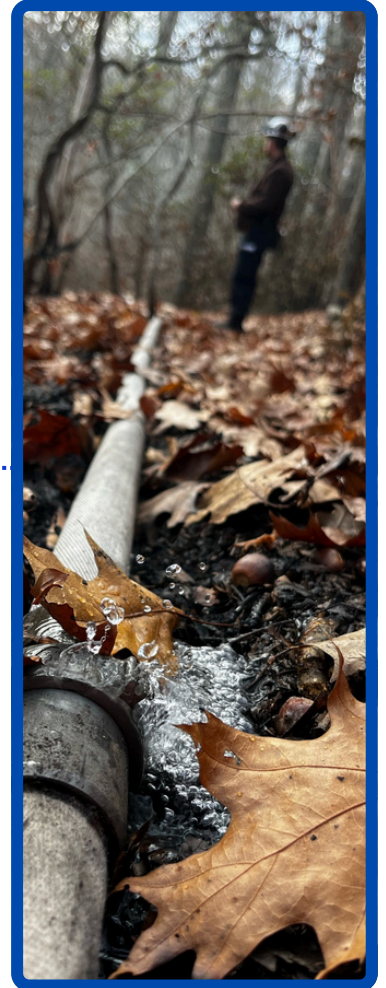
Dry Hydrant Grant Program

Our last Dry Hydrant Program grant round was several years ago. The next round of the Dry Hydrant Program will be announced when scheduled.

Hose Exchange Program

Dirty 1.5 inch forestry hose used during wildland/brush fires can be exchanged for clean, pressure-tested hose on a length-for-length basis, in bags of 300 feet. Please include hose bags when exchanging.

To schedule a hose exchange, contact your Fire Control Officer or the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection 24-hour Dispatch Center at 860-424-3333. Additional program details are attached.



Fire Prevention Education Materials

Fire prevention materials, including Smokey Bear Costumes are available at no cost to fire departments. Costumes and materials are stored at three locations statewide and can be picked up by appointment.

For details please contact staff at one of the following sites:

Joseph W. Bigwood Forest Fire Control Headquarters,
Middlebury: 203-758-9248

DEEP Eastern District Headquarters, Marlborough:
860-295-9523

Pachaug State Forest Headquarters, Voluntown:
860-376-4075



Firefighter and Community Support

Introductory Wildfire Training



In 2023, staff from the DEEP Forest Protection Program hosted a recorded 3-hour training that covered wildland fire suppression, including an overview of DEEP Forest Protection Program services, fire behavior basics, fuels, suppression methods, and fireline safety and hazards. The recording can be accessed here: [Fire Training Videos](#).

If your department has members who need this training, or if members need to maintain their qualification as registered firefighters for fire bill reimbursement, they may watch the video and have the department Chief or Training Officer submit their name and completion date to deep.forestry@ct.gov. A certificate will be issued, the fire warden will be notified and DEEP records will be updated. Qualification as a registered firefighter is valid for three years following training.

Alternatively, departments can submit a request to a DEEP Fire Control Officer requesting they provide training at their department. It is encouraged to have multiple departments participate in a training event.



Fire Warden Program

The Forestry Division has a statutory responsibility to reimburse Fire Departments for expenses related to forest/wildland/brush fire suppression. Fire Wardens manage the fire billing process for their districts.

To submit a Wildland Fire Reimbursement Bill, departments must send their documentation through their local Fire Warden within 30 days of the fire. Reimbursement rates and additional details are attached.

Rural Fire Council

The CT Rural Fire Council meets twice a year to provide guidance to the Forestry Division's Forest Protection program and to identify issues and solutions related to rural fire needs. Each county has one representative.

We are currently seeking a new council member for Hartford County. If you are interested, please email deep.forestry@ct.gov.

If you have concerns, suggestions, or items you would like the Council to consider, please reach out to your county representative or a member of our Program Staff.

State of Connecticut
Wildland Fire Reporting System

Directions For Computers

- 1) **Open the Reporting System:** Go to the following URL:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/5bf33e47c36f46379fbcd74487bc9788>

- 2) **Start a New Report:** Click on the Flame Icon to open form:



- 3) **Complete the Form:** Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are **required**. All other fields are **strongly** recommended.

***Fire Discovery Date:** Date fire was first discovered or dispatched date.

***Fire Discovery Time:** Time fire was discovered (911 call or firefighter observation).

Street Address Closest to Fire: Physical address, or best access point (street address).

***Town where Fire Occurred:** Select the town from the dropdown.

o If the fire spans multiple towns, choose the town of the first department dispatched.

Ownership: Select the property owner where the fire originated.

Geographical Map: Click blue icon if it isn't already placed on the location of fire. Use +/- boxes to zoom in/out

Cause of Fire: Select from the dropdown.

Any Residences Threatened by this fire?: If the fire had not been controlled, could it have reached a residence?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Any Residences Lost by this fire?: Were any residences burned or destroyed by this fire?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Are other Structures threatened by this fire?: If the fire had not been controlled, could it have burned any Sheds, Garages, Outbuildings, etc.?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Are other buildings lost by this fire?: Were any sheds, garages, outbuildings etc., burned or destroyed in this fire?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Were any firefighters injured during any stage of this fire?:

If Yes, additional questions are asked:

Description of Injury: Briefly describe the injury.

Number of Injuries: Enter the total number.

Number of Fatalities: Enter the number of fatalities. Type 0 if none occurred. **Fire Containment Date:** The date when the fire produced no heat or smokes. (This may be entered later if the fire lasts multiple days.) **Fire**

Containment Time: The time when it was officially determined that the fire was completely out. ***Final**

Acres of Fire: Enter the total number of acres burned. If unknown, provide your best estimate. ***Name of**

Submitter: Enter the name of the person completing the report (or the department chief). This is used for follow-up by Fire Control Officers. ***Phone number of Submitter:** Enter the best contact number in the format

###-###-####.

- 4) After completing the form click submit once all fields are filled out.

- 5) **For immediate assistance, call the DEEP Dispatch at 860-424-3333.**

State of Connecticut

Wildland Fire Reporting System

Directions for Cellphone Devices

(NOTE: THE GEOGRAPHICAL MAP DIRECTIONS ARE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE ON COMPUTERS.)

- 1) **Open the Reporting System:** Go to the following URL:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/5bf33e47c36f46379fbcd74487bc9788>

- 2) **Start a New Report:** Click on the Flame Icon to open form:



- 3) **Complete the Form:** Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are **required**. All other fields are **strongly** recommended.

***Fire Discovery Date:** Date fire was first discovered or dispatched date.

***Fire Discovery Time:** Time fire was discovered (911 call or firefighter observation).

Street Address Closest to Fire: Physical address, or best access point (street address).

***Town where Fire Occurred:** Select the town from the dropdown.

o If the fire spans multiple towns, choose the town of the first department dispatched.

Ownership: Select the property owner where the fire originated.

Geographical Map: Tap on the map to open map tools.

o In the white address bar (below the burgundy title bar), type the fire address or select Use current location in the dropdown. If prompted, tap Allow to enable location access.

o Adjusting the map: Use the +/- buttons on the left side of the screen to zoom in or out. You can also zoom using your fingers (pinch or spread).

o Setting the Location: Once you find the correct location and the blue marker is positioned where it should be tap the back arrow in the top-left corner. This will return you to the form.

Hose Exchange: Select Yes/No. If yes, indicate how many hose bags are needed.

Cause of Fire: Select from the dropdown.

Any Residences Threatened by this fire?: If the fire had not been controlled, could it have reached a residence?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Any Residences Lost by this fire?: Were any residences burned or destroyed by this fire?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Are other Structures threatened by this fire?: If the fire had not been controlled, could it have burned any Sheds, Garages, Outbuildings, etc.?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Are other buildings lost by this fire?: Were any sheds, garages, outbuildings etc., burned or destroyed in this fire?

If Yes, additional question is asked. **How many?** Type in #.

Were any firefighters injured during any stage of this fire?:

If Yes, additional questions are asked:

Description of Injury: Briefly describe the injury.

Number of Injuries: Enter the total number.

Number of Fatalities: Enter the number of fatalities. Type 0 if none occurred.

Fire Containment Date: The date when the fire produced no heat or smokes.

(This may be entered later if the fire lasts multiple days.)

Fire Containment Time: The time when it was officially determined that the fire was completely out.

***Final Acreage of Fire:** Enter the total number of acres burned. If unknown, provide your best estimate.

***Name of Submitter:** Enter the name of the person completing the report (or the department chief). This is used for follow-up by Fire Control Officers.

***Phone number of Submitter:** Enter the best contact number in the format ###-###-####..

- 6) After completing the form click submit once all fields are filled out. Please note: a few days may be required for hose exchange.
- 7) **For immediate assistance, call the DEEP Dispatch at 860-424-3333.**

Saving the Link on Your Phone for Easy Access

For iPhone:

- 1) Open Safari or web browser app
- 2) Using your phone app, pull up the Wildfire Reporting website using this QR code.



- 3) Tap the share button. Scroll down and select “Add to Home Screen”
- 4) An icon will now appear on your Home Screen for quick access to Wildfire Reporting.

For Android:

- 1) Open Safari or web browser app
- 2) Using your phone app, pull up the Wildfire Reporting website using this QR code.



- 3) Tap the three dots in the upper-right corner.
- 4) Scroll down and select: “Add to Home Screen”
- 5) Tap “Add” in the bottom right corner.
- 6) On the next screen, tap “Add Automatically”
- 7) An icon will now appear on your Home Screen for quick access.

Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Forestry Hose Exchange Program

Steps to Perform a Hose Exchange:

1. Purchase Compatible Hose: Your fire department must purchase hose similar to what CT DEEP Forestry Division uses (Forestguard II, 1- 1/2" NH thread)
2. Notify DEEP: Inform the DEEP Fire Control Officer about the fire where the hose was used. You may notify them by calling DEEP dispatch at 860-424-3333, or, contacting a fire control officer directly.
3. Hose bag for Hose Bag Swap: The exchange is one hose bag (300 ft) used for one hose bag (300 ft) cleaned and tested.
4. Single Lengths: Individual hose lengths may be exchanged only on a case-by-case basis.
5. Red Hose Bags Required: Used hose must be turned in with red hose bags.
6. Damaged Hose or Bags: If hose or bags are damaged, turn in cut-off couplings or damaged buckles. They will be replaced with the new hose.
7. Department Markings: Hose bags or hose marked with department names/initials are not guaranteed to be returned to that department.

How the Exchange Occurs

1. The Fire Control Officer will arrange a visit to your department to complete the exchange.
2. Prepare the Hose: Loosely roll the dirty hose (or use another simple roll) to make it easier to re-lay for cleaning and testing.
3. What the Replacement Hose Bag Includes:
 - a. 300 feet of cleaned, tested 1-1/2" forestry hose
 - b. Hose packed in a specific layout that allows:
 - Connecting the female end to the truck first
 - Carrying the hose bag like a backpack
 - Stretching hose easily to the fire location
 - Quickly attaching the nozzle to the male end
4. Response Time: It may take a few days for the Fire Control Officer to respond, especially during busy periods.
5. Emergency Exchange: For urgent needs, call DEEP's 24-hour Dispatch Center at 860-424-3333.

For Western Connecticut:

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Office Phone: 860-424-4150

Forestry Hose

Specification: 1 ½" diameter x 100 ft long ForestGuard II, Forestry hose by Mercedes Textiles All synthetic USDA Spec 187 with patented Mertex lining. 1 ½" aluminum forestry couplings, rocker lug on female only, Lugless male. 1 ½" NH thread; Hose spec: #705; Color: White

Addition: 1 stencil per hose length "CT Forestry" in Black Ink

Description: THE HOSE SHALL BE SINGLE JACKET WITH A SERVICE TEST PRESSURE OF 300 psi/2070 KPA.

JACKETS: The jacket shall be made with virgin spun polyester warp yarn and a filament polyester weft yarn and shall have a minimum filler (weft) yarns of 10.4 per inch. When requested, the jacket shall be impregnated in one of the standard NFPA colors with high-performance dispersion.

LINING: The lining (waterway) must be made from polyurethane and must be applied using a fused process that welds the polyurethane directly to the textile while the hose is being woven, without the use of adhesives or hot melt. The fused lining process must create a virtually inseparable unit without the use of adhesives, yielding an extremely low friction (pressure) loss by filling the corrugations of the weave, creating an ultra-thin and smooth waterway. Fire hose made using adhesives of any type does not meet this specification. The lining shall be approved for use with potable water.

ADHESION: The adhesion shall be such that the rate of separation of a 1 ½" / 38mm strip of polyurethane, transversely cut, shall not be greater than ¼" / 6mm per minute under weight of 12 lbs/ 5.5kg.

SERVICE, TEST, BURST PRESSURES:

Minimum service pressure- 300psi/ 2070kPa, minimum test pressure- 600psi/ 4140 kPa, minimum burst pressure 1000psi/ 6900kPa.

FLOW AND FRICTION LOSS: The 1 ½" (38mm) hose shall be capable of flowing 70 US GPM (264LPM) with a maximum pressure loss of 10 PSIG (69kPa) per 100' (30.5M).

KINK TEST: A full-length will withstand a hydrostatic pressure of 600 psi/ 4140 kPa while kinked.

WEIGHT: Each length of fire hose shall not weigh more than 11.8 lbs/ (30.5M) uncoupled.

COUPLING SPECIFICATIONS: Couplings shall be in conformance with the current NFPA standards and made of extruded aluminum, hard-coated a minimum of .002" thick. They shall be manufactured in North America and permanently labeled with country of origin. 1 ½" Aluminum forestry couplings NH thread, rocker lug on female only, lugless male.

MANUFACTURE: Both hose and couplings must be manufactured in North America and be NAFTA compliant.

STANDARDS: Fire hose manufactured to this specification shall meet or exceed all performance requirements of U.S.D.A spec 5100-187C Type II for 1 ½" (38mm), when coated. Fire hose manufactured to this specification shall meet & exceed all performance requirements of NFPA 1961, UL & Factory Mutual.

SIZE: 1 ½" (38mm); Bowl Size: 1 11/16" (43mm); Weight Un-coupled 100' 11.8lbs (5.4Kg); Coil Diameter 100' 14.0" (35.6cm); Service Pressure: 300 PSI (2070 kPa); Proof Pressure 600PSI (4140 kPa); Burst Pressure 1000psi (6900kPa)



FORESTGUARD II®

Tough, all synthetic, ULC approved non-percolating forestry hose



Applications

- Forestry lightweight, attack /supply hose
- Urban interface, grass fire kits, and mop up hose
- Wildland brush fire truck attack hose
- Cottage and forestry home values protection hose

Features and Benefits

- A tough versatile lightweight forestry fire hose
- Unique Mertex® lining yields an extremely low friction loss, for maximum flow and superior adhesion for long life
- Premium all synthetic single jacket
- Available with Permatek HP™ treatment against abrasion, moisture pick up and mildew
- Resistant to most chemicals, petrol products, ozone and U.V. exposure, hydrolysis, and rot and mildew
- Remains flexible to -65° F (-55° C)
- Meets or exceeds all performance requirements of NFPA 1960 (1961), Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada Spec .1, Factory Mutual and USDA Spec 5100-187C Type I for 1" (25mm) and 1 1/2"(38mm), when treated yellow
- Meets ULC requirements for S518.1.11 and can be labeled upon request in the sizes* specified below

DIAMETERS

1.00in/25mm ●

1.50in/38mm ●

1.75in/44mm ●

2.50in/64mm ●

Hose Spec	Trade Size		Bowl Size		Weight Un-coupled 100'(30.5M)		Coil Diameter 100'(30.5M)		Service Pressure		Proof Pressure		Burst Pressure	
	In.	mm	In.	mm	LBS	Kg	In.	Cm.	PSI	kPa	PSI	kPa	PSI	kPa
704	1.00	25	1 5/32	29	8.0	3.6	14.0	35.6	300	2 070	600	4 140	1 000	6 900
705	1.5*	38*	1 11/16	43	11.8	5.4	14.0	35.6	300	2 070	600	4 140	1 000	6 900
706	1.75	44	1 7/8	48	13.5	6.1	15.0	38.1	300	2 070	600	4 140	1 000	6 900
701	2.50	64	2 3/4	70	22.0	10.0	16.5	41.9	300	2 070	600	4 140	1 000	6 900

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HOW TO SPECIFY **FORESTGUARD II®**

THE HOSE SHALL BE SINGLE JACKET WITH A
SERVICE TEST PRESSURE OF 300 PSI / 2070 KPA.

JACKET

The hose jacket shall be made with high tenacity filament polyester yarn in both the warp and weft directions, to provide maximum strength to weight ratio and shall have a minimum filler (weft) yarns of 10.8 per inch (425 per Meter).

When requested the jacket shall be impregnated in one of the standard NFPA colors with high performance polymeric dispersion.

LINING

The lining (waterway) must be made from polyurethane and must be applied using a fused process that welds the polyurethane directly to the textile while the hose is being woven, without the use of adhesives or hot melt. The fused lining process must create a virtually inseparable unit without the use of adhesives, yielding an extremely low friction (pressure) loss by filling in the corrugations of the weave, creating an ultra thin and smooth waterway. Fire hose made using adhesives of any type do not meet this specification. The lining shall be approved for use with potable water.

ADHESION

The adhesion shall be such that the rate of separation of a 1 1/2" / 38mm strip of polyurethane, transversely cut, shall not be greater than 1/4" / 6mm per minute under a weight of 12 lbs / 5.5 kg.

SERVICE, TEST, BURST PRESSURES

Minimum service, test and burst pressures shall be as detailed in the specification table on the previous page.

FLOW AND FRICTION LOSS

The 1 1/2" (38 mm) hose shall be capable of flowing 70 US GPM (264 LPM) with a maximum pressure loss of 10 PSIG (69 kPa) per 100' (30.5M).

KINK TEST

A full length will withstand a hydrostatic pressure of 600 psi / 4140 kPa while kinked.

WEIGHT

Each length of fire hose shall not weigh more than indicated in the specification table.

COUPLING SPECIFICATIONS

Couplings shall be in conformance with the current NFPA standard and made of extruded aluminum, hard coated a minimum of .002" thick. They shall be manufactured in North America and permanently labeled with country of origin.

The hose shall be available with threaded and quarter-turn threadless (QC) couplings. When quarter-turn threadless (QC) couplings are specified they shall have extended lugs to facilitate rapid connect and disconnect.

MANUFACTURE

Both hose and couplings must be manufactured in North America. Couplings must be USMCA compliant.

STANDARDS

Fire hose manufactured to this specification shall meet or exceed all performance requirements of NFPA 1960 (1961), ULC Spec S518.1.11, Factory Mutual and when treated yellow meet or exceed USDA Spec 5100-187C Type I for 1" (25mm) and 1 1/2" (38mm).

The hose shall be ULC approved and can be labeled upon request in the sizes specified*

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Memo

To: Connecticut Fire Departments
From: Rich Schenk, Fire Control Officer
Re: Fire Bills

As a reminder for this 2026 fire season, attached you will find pertinent forms and information for Fire Bills including:

- A blank fire bill
- Approved compensation rates
- List of fire wardens statewide
- Corresponding area map.

The Division of Forestry will send a similar mailing to all Fire Wardens as well.

Things to remember about fire bills:

- The bills need to be submitted as soon as possible. Bills that are excessively late will be returned without payment. Bills must be submitted to the Fire Control Officer for their review prior to sending to Hartford for processing.
- Federal ID numbers for all businesses and Fire Departments must be listed on the Fire Bill.
- All supplies must be accompanied by an original itemized receipt, with the exception of foam, which is reimbursed at an established rate.
- Wardens must review and sign each bill. Wardens should ensure accurate information is reported. Please complete all fields, including GPS Coordinates. Incomplete bills may be returned, unpaid. Do not fill in the box designated for DEEP USE ONLY.
- Do not submit bills for paid Fire Departments.
- Do not submit bills that include time for out-of-state firefighters or firefighters on stand-by. Should you have any questions on fire bills, please contact Michael Kronick or Richard Schenk.

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**2026 Hourly Compensation Rates for
 Unregistered Firefighter, Registered Firefighter, Deputy Fire Warden,
 District Fire Warden, and Equipment
 PerCGS23-39**

Hourly Compensation Rates based on Public Act No.19-4, Effective October 1, 2019.

Effective January 1, 2024, Connecticut’s minimum wage will be tied to

[ECI Home : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \(bls.gov\)](https://www.bls.gov).

[Governor Lamont Announces Connecticut’s Minimum Wage Will Increase to \\$16.94 on January 1, 2026](#)

<i>Resource Type</i>	<i>Former Rate, Effective January 1, 2025</i>	<i>Current Rate, Effective January 1, 2026</i>
Unregistered Firefighter	\$16.35	\$16.94
Registered Firefighter deputy	\$18.00	\$19.00
Deputy Fire Warden	\$19.00	\$20.00
District Fire Warden	\$20.00	\$21.00
Truck, pickup, FEMA code 8807	\$27.78	\$18.71
Truck, brush, FEMA code 8810	\$35.87	\$35.75
Truck, fire tanker, FEMA code 8692	\$100.49	\$98.04
Portable pump, FEMA code 847a	\$5.52	\$3.09
All-terrain vehicle (ATV), FEMA code 8081	\$19.07(8089 no longer exists)	\$17.45

Hourly rates derived from FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates for comparable equipment. See [Schedule of Equipment Rates | FEMA.gov](#).

Fire Department Information

City/Town: _____ County: _____

Name of Fire Department: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number of Fire Departments in Town: _____

Dispatch Info:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mutual Aid Departments: _____

FD Chain of command:

Officer Title/Name	Phone	Email
Chief		
Assistant		
Deputy		
Other:		

Fire Department Information

Wildland Fire Equipment at Station:

Vehicle Type	Gallons	Year

List any limited road access concerns in your jurisdiction (limited weight crosses, bridges, roads...) and location:





DEEP FOREST PROTECTION PROGRAM

Program Supervisor

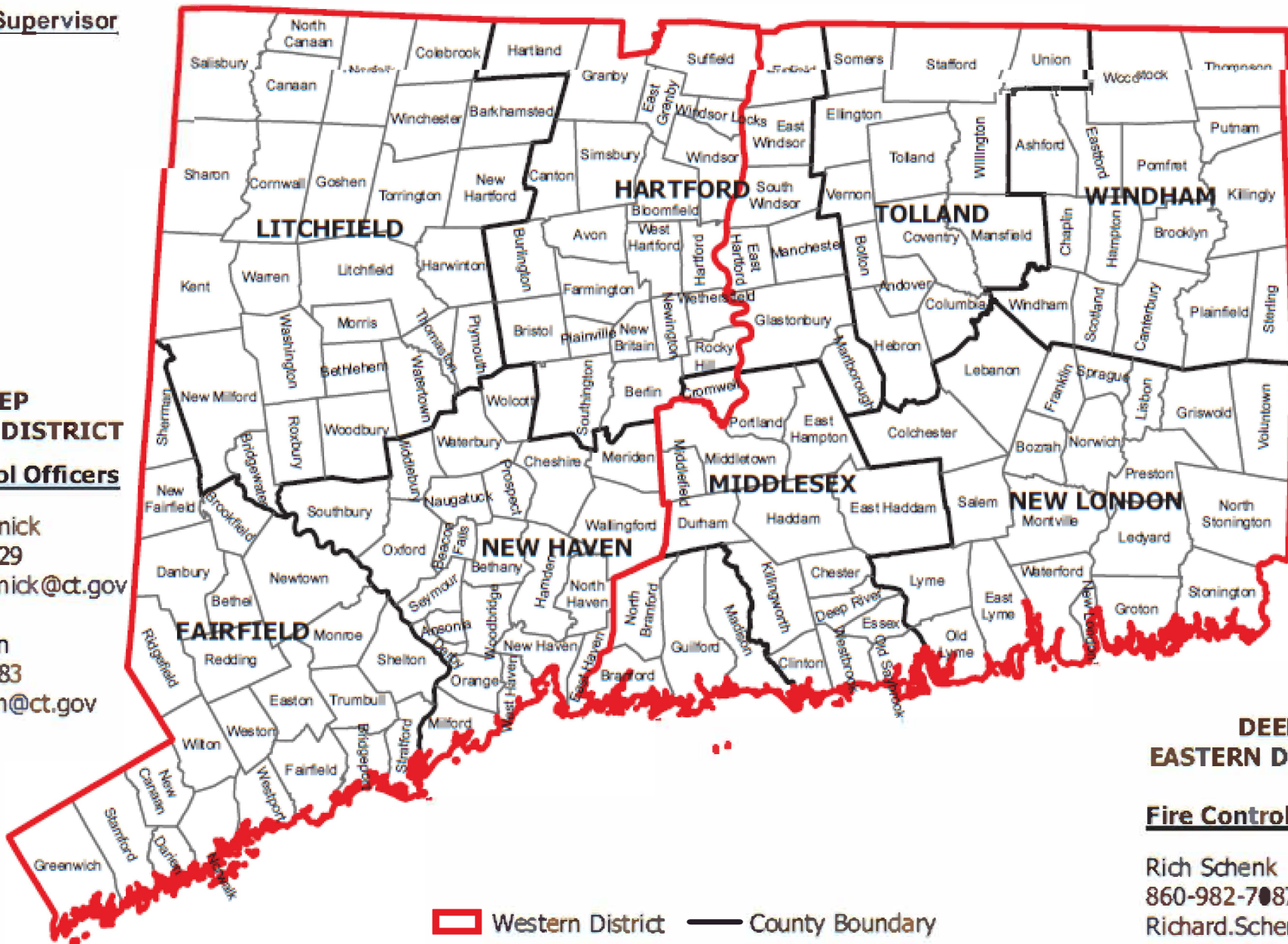
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- Western District
- Eastern District
- County Boundary
- Town Boundary

DEEP EASTERN DISTRICT

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Wildfire Reimbursement Form

Fire Departments
Use one form per Department, per Fire

For DEEP use only:

Fire Number: _____
CORE Supplier #: _____
Total Amount Due: _____
PO #: _____
Receipt #: _____
Payment Date: _____

Fire Information: If not already done, report this fire in the [DEEP Wildland Fire Reporting System](#)

Fire Date: _____

Fire Address: _____

Fire Town: _____



Signatures

District Fire Warden: _____ Date: _____

Fire Control Officer: _____ Date: _____

Fire Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Reimbursement

Federal ID#: _____

Fire Department: _____

Mailing Address & Zip Code: _____

Current Reimbursement Rates

Equipment Expenses:					Supplies Expenses:	
Type of Equipment	Hours	X	Rate	Total	Type of Supplies	Total
Total Equipment Expenses:					Total Supplies Expense:	
					<i>Original Receipts must be submitted</i>	

Type of Equipment:

Pickup Brush Fire Tanker ATV Portable Pump

Total Expenses to be Reimbursed	
Personnel	_____
Equipment	_____
Supply	_____
\$	_____

Comments/Notes:

Fire Department Personnel

	Last Name, First Name	# of Hours	Pay	Total
1				
2				
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24				
25				
26				
	Number Of Firefighters	Hours	Rate of	Total
Registered:				
Unregistered:				
(use additional pages as needed)		Total Amount of Personnel		