



# Fire Prevention Education Teams

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**Wildfire in the Northeast  
Mystic, Connecticut**



# Welcome

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# Objectives

- ✓ Overview of the Program

  - What they are

  - What they do

  - How to activate

- ✓ Highlights

  - Special assignments

  - Issue-oriented

- ✓ Premiere Video

  - Ounce of Prevention



# Why Would You Need an FPET?

- Predictive Services indicating an active wildfire season for your region/state.
- Have a history of human-caused wildfires in your area.
- An increase in recreation use or people to your area for a special event in the outdoors.
- Have an increase of dead or dry fuel due to past hurricanes, tornadoes or insect and disease outbreaks.
- Drought index is high, fuel moisture content is low or you have a lot of wildfires already occurring.

**Consider ordering an FPET through your dispatch office before there is smoke in the air!**



# Fire Prevention Education Teams Can...

- Save You Money! Reduce human-caused wildfire ignitions. Study showed Florida's efforts saved \$35 in suppression costs and community losses for every \$1 spent on prevention.
- Develop a plan, if one doesn't exist, to use Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Administrative actions.
- Assess fire occurrence, risk, hazards, and values in selected geographic landscapes. Determine highest risk communities to best spend dollars and efforts.
- Develop specific fire prevention messages targeted for general audiences and specific stakeholders.



# FPETs

- May be local, state-wide, regional, or national.
- Encourage inter-agency but may be all one agency, all state, all federal, etc.
- Team structure depends on incident, situation, funding, needs, etc.
- May be on site, area command, virtual SMEs.
- Funding
  - Severity – Federal-hosted teams
  - Program Dollars
  - Large Fire Support (P-code)
  - State Co-op Fire Grants
  - Other?



# NFPET Plan Overview

- Describes how a National Fire Prevention Education Team (NFPET) should be used
- Gives an overview of the basic team members and qualifications
  - 3-person team minimum
  - PETL, PIO2 (or higher), PETM
  - Encourage hiring agency to utilize trainees
- Provides a schedule of teams that have volunteered for specific dates.
- Provides the contact list for all Geographic Area Coordinators for NFPETs.



# FPET Highlights





# FPETs

- 2015 - Numerous teams in Pacific Northwest addressed ignitions, Sage Grouse Steppe Habitat, and mitigation/prevention messaging.
- Bark Beetle infestation and high fuel loads.
  - 2015 – Long Island Pine Barrens, NY
  - 2016 – California
- One Less Spark campaign
- 2016 - Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Drones
- 2016 - Regional team worked as MAC for six FPETs during southeastern extreme drought.



# Ounce of Prevention DVD Premier



**Thank You!**



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