

Memorandum



To: All Georgia Fire Departments
From: Georgia Multi-Agency Fire Group*
Date: 7/31/2002
Re: US Fire Administration Announcement #02-150, dated July 23, 2002

The United States Fire Administration, in response to a request from the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group, announced a call for assistance in mobilizing cross-trained wild land certified (specifically, National Wild land Coordinating Group certified Red Card owners) structural firefighters from fire departments across the United States. Georgia personnel who fit the following criteria and are interested in participating in this mobilization are urged to visit the Georgia Mutual Aid Group, Inc. (GMAG) web site at: www.gmag.org or contact the Mutual Aid Duty Officer [MADO] at 1-404-320-1505 for further instructions. In Georgia a notification and response protocol is already in place, through the Georgia Forestry Commission and its co-operators, to accomplish the mobilization phase of this mission. However, **do not** contact the Southern Area Coordinating Center or the Georgia Coordinating Center as they will refer you to this notification and response protocol.

To qualify individuals **must:**

1. Be a current NWCG sanctioned Red Card** holder !
2. Have an endorsement for the National NWCG Physical Fitness Requirement for the position(s) listed on your current Red Card.!
3. Be a current structural firefighter, in good standing, with a fire department recognized by the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council !
4. Have permission from your department to participate in a deployment which will have you absent from your normal duties/shift schedule for a period of at least 16 days ! This includes one day travel on each end of the 14 day assignment.
5. Have the basic wild land firefighter PPE ensemble*** !

YOU MUST MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS OR YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DEPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME – HOWEVER, PLEASE CONTACT THE GMAG MADO IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST OR QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM WITH EITHER PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT.

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** - The National Wildfire Coordinating Group is a consensus group, drawn from wild land and structural subject matter experts, who have developed a complete and comprehensive certification system for tasks associated with event management. The USFA announcement called for specific positions which are needed at this time: Strike Team Leaders; Division Group Supervisors and Aviation trained personnel. No mention of Type 2 Wild land Firefighters [WLFF2] was made in this announcement; however, the above cooperative response protocol is already in place to accommodate this skill level. Please follow the notification protocol listed above.

*** - A sample inventory of this Personal Protection Equipment Ensemble is at: <http://www.gmag.org/>