

**Committee Name:**

**Assembly Committee – Rural Affairs and Forestry  
(AC–RAF)**

**Appointments**

99hr\_AC–RAF\_Appt\_pt00

**Committee Hearings**

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**Committee Reports**

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**Executive Sessions**

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11-4-99 Public Info  
Briefing - DNR  
Fire Council

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry

Date: 11/4/99 Meeting Type: Public Informational Briefing  
Location: 328 Northwest - State Capitol

### Committee Member

Rep. John Ainsworth, Chair

Rep. Terry Musser

Rep. Kitty Rhoades

Rep. Stephen Freese

Rep. Judith Klusman

Rep. Mary Hubler

Rep. Barbara Gronemus

Rep. Donald Hasenohrl

Rep. Gary Sherman

### Present

### Absent

### Excused

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Kristina Boardman, Committee Clerk

**Boardman, Kristina**

**From:** Folgert, Mike  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 1999 4:45 PM  
**To:** Boardman, Kristina  
**Subject:** Fire Department Advisory Council meeting

Dear Kristina:

Thankyou for taking the time to schedule a short meeting between our fire department advisory council and Representative Ainsworth's Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry. Our meeting announcement and agenda are attached. We will plan to meet at 8:30 am on November 4th as arranged. I understand that we will have approximately 45 minutes to address the committee regarding issues of concern to the rural fire service and forest fire related matters in Wisconsin. Thank you again for allowing us this time. I look forward to this meeting. Please let me know if there is anything you will need from us prior to November 4th.



Nov3-4,1999 meeting



## State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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George E. Meyer, Secretary  
William R. Selbig, Regional Director

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October 14, 1999

TO: DNR Fire Department Advisory Council Members  
FROM: Mike Folgert, Chairperson *MF*  
SUBJECT: November 3-4, 1999 Meeting Announcement

Plans have been finalized for our next advisory council meeting to be held in Madison starting at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 3rd and ending by early afternoon on Thursday, November 4th. We will meet at the State Capitol Building in room 328 NW on Wednesday and room 417N on Thursday.

Lodging reservations have been made at the Best Western - Inn on the Park for all members for the night of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This hotel is located on the southwest corner of the Capitol square and across the street from the Capitol. Indoor parking is available for guests. Lodging costs will be direct billed to the Department. The phone number is 608-257-8801. Anyone not planning to stay overnight should call the hotel to cancel their reservation.

An agenda and some background information are attached. In particular, please review the approved biennial budget analysis and be prepared to offer your comments at this meeting. Please note that we will meet with the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry on Thursday morning to discuss rural fire service issues. We will also meet with State Forester, Gene Francisco, for part of the meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to share ideas and concerns with him, as well as provide an excellent opportunity to discuss future direction for this council.

If you are unable to attend this meeting please call me at 715-582-5016 to let me know. Hope to see you all in Madison on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

cc. Gene Francisco - FR/4  
Tom Roberts - FR/4  
Jan Libby - CF/8  
Lee Hanks - FEPP Coordinator, 4203 Canvasback La., Wausau, WI 54401  
State Representative John Gard  
State Representative John Ainsworth (Attn: Christina)



**AGENDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - BUREAU OF FORESTRY**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 3-4, 1999**  
**MADISON, WI**

Wed., Nov. 3rd - Room 328 NW

**1. Introduction and Opening Remarks**

**Mike Folgert**

**2. Status of the Biennial Budget's Fire Dept. Partnership Initiative**

**Ken Terrill**

**3. Forest Fire Protection Grants**

**Terrill/ Jan Libby**

**Status of Current Applications Received**  
**Review Timetable for Awarding Grants**  
**Unusual Project Requests - your input needed**  
**Review Draft Handbook for Grant Administration**  
**Prioritization Criteria for Applications - changes needed?**  
**New Project Categories (Prevention and Training have been added)**  
**Other Concerns**

**4. Status Report on Federal Excess Personal Property Program**

**Ken Terrill/Lee Hanks**

**Status of Requests and Vehicles Loaned to Fire Departments**  
**End of the Current Pilot Program**  
**Future Direction for FEPP in Wisconsin**

**5. Discuss Needs for 2001-2003 Biennial Budget Requests**

**Ken Terrill**

**6. Discuss and Prioritize Rural Fire Service/Forest Fire Issues**

**All**

**7. Discussion of Additional Member Concerns**

**All**

**8. Preparation for Legislative Visits**

**All**

Thurs., Nov. 4th- Room 417 N

**1. Meet with Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry at 8:30**

**All**

**2. Meet with State Forester and other Agency Officials**

**All**

**3. Wrap-up Issues from Day 1**

**All**

**4. Adjourn - Time will be provided for you to meet with your Legislators, if you wish.**

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FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
\_\_\_ FOR YOUR FILES

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
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October 20, 1999

Senator Clausen, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform  
319 South – State Capitol

Dear Senator Clausen:

The DNR Fire Department Advisory Council will be holding their next meeting in Madison on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. An agenda and some background information are attached. Their agenda includes a meeting with the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M. (notice enclosed). The Council is planning to address the committee regarding issues of concern to the rural fire service and forest fire related matters in Wisconsin.

Council members wanted to extend an invitation to your office to attend and participate in this meeting. The briefing is expected to last no more than an hour, as the Assembly is scheduled to be in session at 10:00. Thank you in advance for your attention to this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

JOHN AINSWORTH  
State Representative  
6th Assembly District

JA/khb



- Michael Folger - Peshtigo
- Jiff Anva - Black River Falls

↓ Forest Fire Protection Grant Program  
525,000 ↓

strongly supportive

would like \$852,000  
- 990,000 - worth of eligible grant projects  
→ this fiscal yr

— Tom Marini

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— 34.1% of F.D. at or below min. requirement for owning SCBAs

— Jim Stormer

SIB 75 - length of service award program  
recruit + retain members of volunteer fire department

2000-3000 to outfit a firefighter  
200-300 per firefighter to train

— Tom Roberts

— Steve Coffin — approves of Division  
Status for DNR Forestry

Tim Houslet

— wildland fires local depts willing  
to assist the DNR — but need  
help in obtaining necessary  
equipment

Federal Excess <sup>Property</sup> ~~land~~ Program

Dale Drewery

Forest Fire Protection Grant

Rural F.D. — Fed. Definition:  
serves a community less than 10,000

Jan Libby

Valerie Thomas

Ken Terrill

## ***THE FEPP PROGRAM***

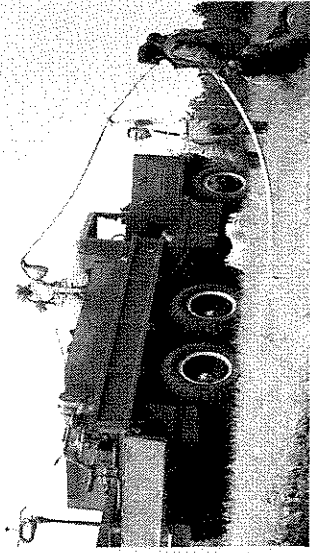
# ***Low-Cost Fire Protection for Rural America***

### ***What Is Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)?***

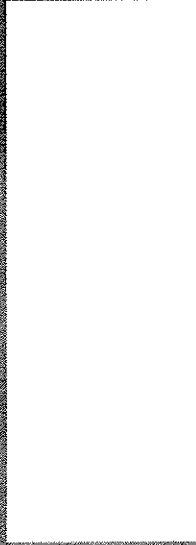
FEPP is Federal equipment on loan to State Foresters for use in rural and wildland fire protection programs.

### ***Purpose of the FEPP Program***

Administered by the USDA Forest Service and the General Services Administration, in cooperation with State Foresters, the FEPP program provides a low-cost means for communities to protect their citizens from fire. Equipment that is no longer needed by the Federal Government, but which is suitable for conversion to fire service use, may be **loaned** to fire departments.



*For more information, contact*



*or write to*

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You may also visit the National Association of State Foresters website at the following Internet address:  
<http://ssn.org/nasf/nasf.html>



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# ***Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)***

## ***Low-Cost Fire Protection for Rural America***



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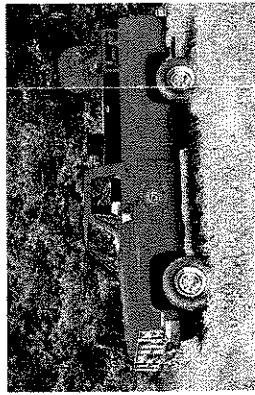
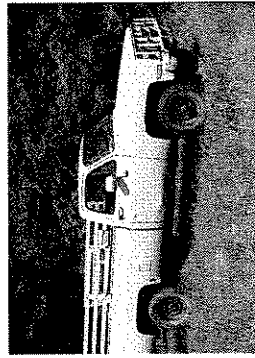
# THE FEPP PROGRAM

## Authority for Program

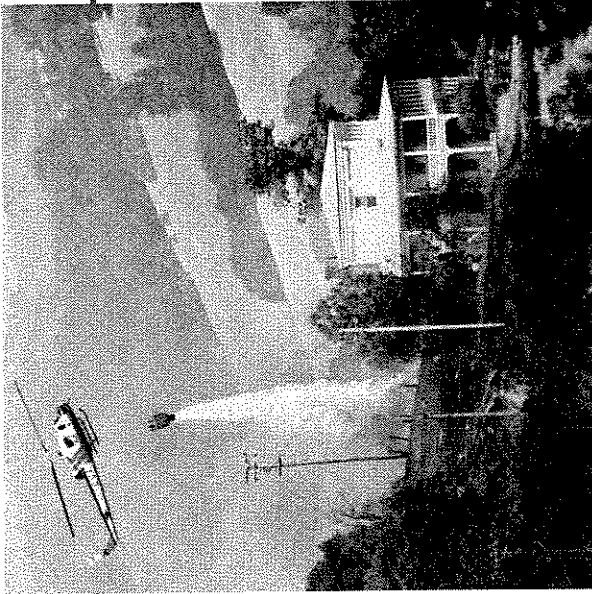
The FEPP program is authorized under terms of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 USC 483), and the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 USC 2106 (note)). Items loaned through this program may be used for fire protection purposes only.

## What Equipment Is Available?

Most items loaned in the FEPP program are from military installations, with trucks suitable for conversion to tankers or pumpers being preferred. Other common items on loan include generators, pumps, fire hoses, breathing apparatus, and personal protective clothing. Power units can be used to provide emergency lighting at fires or to keep radio base stations functioning; and water trailers can be converted for use as lavatories for larger incidents.



Although most FEPP is on loan to fire departments, State Foresters also use it within their State fire programs. For instance, some FEPP aircraft are being used to provide aerial fire detection or to help suppress wildland fires.



## What Does It Cost?

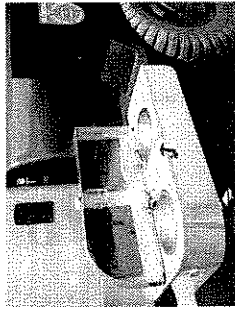
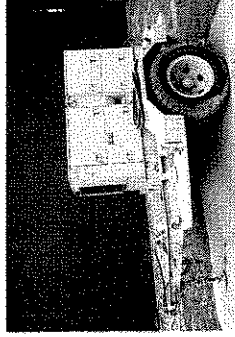
The State Forester or the fire department bears the cost of transportation, conversion, painting, storage, and maintenance; but there is no direct charge for FEPP.

Much of the FEPP requires extensive rehabilitation to convert it from its previous configuration into fire service equipment, but the cost of conversion is much less than the purchase of comparable equipment.

## Who May Participate?

All State Foresters and qualifying fire departments may participate. All State Foresters have cooperative agreements with the USDA Forest Service under which they administer the FEPP program; and they in turn maintain agreements with qualifying fire departments.

To qualify for this program, a fire department must meet a number of requirements established by the USDA Forest Service and the State Forester. One requirement common to all States is a responsibility for providing fire protection on wild lands within the department's coverage area.



## Before obtaining FEPP, an authorized official of the fire department must agree that:

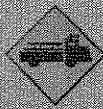
- Any conversions will be done in a safe and timely manner;
- Equipment will be protected from theft, vandalism, and weather damage;
- Vehicles will be painted in fire service colors;
- Liability insurance will be maintained; and
- All FEPP will be returned to the State Forester for disposal.

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To file a complaint, write the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250 or call 1-800-245-6340 (voice) or 202-720-1127 (TDD). USDA is an equal employment opportunity employer.



## HOW DO I REQUEST A FEPP VEHICLE\* FOR MY FIRE DEPARTMENT?



1. Contact your local Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) forester, or ask for the WDNR Fire Management Officer.
2. Submit a written request which includes the following information:
  - ~ fire department name, address, phone number, and contact person
  - ~ type of off-road vehicle requested
  - ~ intended use of the vehicle and why it is needed
3. WDNR and fire department jointly complete a request form which will help prioritize the request in relation to other participating fire departments.
4. The FEPP project coordinator confirms receipt of the application to the fire department, answers any further questions by the applying fire department, and clarifies the obligations (in the FEPP agreement) of the fire department (such as: participating fire departments have one year to equip, outfit, and paint the vehicle, etc.).
5. FEPP screeners are sent to adjoining Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices to obtain a suitable vehicle for the applying fire department. The screeners coordinate pickup, delivery, and safety inspections to be completed



by a participating automotive shop (cost to be borne by the fire department).

7. The fire department takes possession of the vehicle. In addition to retrofitting, the fire department is also responsible for annual inspections and reports.



For additional information, please contact:

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\*Wisconsin's Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program only involves off-road trucks suitable for conversion to wild land fire fighting units. Other items such as hoses, are not available through the Wisconsin program. It is important to note that this is a pilot program. To be eligible, the fire department must have a valid FEPP agreement with WDNR. Priority will be given to those fire departments with a valid M.O.U. with WDNR for forest fire suppression.

Wisconsin's FEPP program is being made available to fire departments through a cooperative agreement between WDNR and Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc.