

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Fire Effects Monitor Workshop

Camp Edwards – Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts

27 to 28 September, 2016
(Weather Permitting Optional Day on the 29th)



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Forest and Fire Management LLC



During the previous 15 years with the assistance of many partner organizations the Massachusetts Army National Guard (MAARNG) has sponsored and hosted wildland fire training at Camp Edwards. These annual training courses have focused on the planning and implementation of prescribed fire. The training classes are offered free of charge to students with the intent of furthering wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire within Massachusetts and among the MAARNG's many partner agencies.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to provide Fire Effects Monitors (FEMO) with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify, collect, and report observations taken while serving as a FEMO. An emphasis will be given to information related to common recorded information on prescribed fire and wild fires in Massachusetts.

Course Objectives:

- Identify and practice the collection of on-site weather, fire behavior and fire effects information needed to assess whether a prescribed fire is achieving established resource management objectives.
- Establish a common understanding of the information collected on Massachusetts prescribed burns.
- Identify the roles and information that a Fire Effects Monitor could collect during and post wildfire.
- Identify methods and means for improving the collection of information on both prescribed burns and wildfires in Massachusetts.

TARGET GROUP: Individuals who are interested in becoming a Fire Effects Monitors (FEMO) or currently qualified and desiring to learn more on procedures and tasks.

NOMINATION: Complete the registration form (Google Forms) at <http://goo.gl/forms/xeNblnHsdEEA3nSf2> by **Friday, August 26th, 2016.** Notification of acceptance will be emailed to students by **Monday, September 5th, 2016.**

TUITION: There is no tuition fee; however students are responsible for their own travel costs, food, and lodging.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: All students should be Fire Fighter Type 2 (FFT2) trained, have been on a minimum of 5 prescribed burns or wildfires, and have successfully completed Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290). Individuals enrolled in this training who have not taken S-290 will be expected to complete the online version of S-290 prior to the training. The online S-290 can be found at <http://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/node/171> . Note that if doing the online S-290 you must indicate this on your registration form.

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NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Attendance in all units of instruction of the course and appropriate participation is required in order to receive a certificate of completion.
- For **SECURITY REASONS**, provide on your registration form your full legal name, date of birth, driver license number (include state of issue), and vehicle plate number (include state of issue)/make/model/color of the vehicle that you will be arriving in. All students will be expected to access the base through the Bourne gate (Main Gate off Rte. 28). Directions will be provided upon request.
- All individuals enrolling in the training must be a minimum of 18 years of age and be affiliated with an organization and attending as part of that organization, whether that is as a volunteer or employee.
- This course will be classroom and field based with the potential of training prescribed burns being conducted.
- Students are encouraged to bring a tablet or a notebook computer to the class to view reference materials. It is preferable that any tablet or notebook computer has 4G data capability to access the Fire Effects Information System or other similar online reference databases. A tablet or notebook computer and 4G data capability is not required.
- Students are required to bring writing utensils, note pad, appropriate field clothes/footwear (for rain or shine), leather gloves, eye protection (safety glasses or goggles), hearing protection (earplugs), canteens (two), and boots adequate for the fireline (no synthetic outer material and made of leather). If possible students should bring the following personal protective equipment; nomex (or aramid) outerwear, helmet, fire shelter, and a belt with harness. Some personal protective equipment is available if arranged for in advance – you must indicate what is needed and the proper size.
- Limited housing may be available on base on a fee basis. Lodging can be provided on site for a nominal fee less than \$50 per night. Please state that housing is needed when your nomination form is sent, additional information will then be sent to you. A list of local accommodations is available upon request.