



## News Release

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### **GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION SETS BRUNSWICK AIR SAFETY EXERCISE**

The Georgia Forestry Commission's Air Operations Unit will be conducting a training exercise out of the Brunswick Airport in Brunswick, Georgia, November 9-10, 2015. The purpose of this exercise is to teach Georgia Forestry Commission pilots and cooperating agencies about interagency communication, firefighting techniques, search and rescue/recovery, and resource management. Agencies participating in the joint training include the Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia National Guard, Savannah-Chatham County Mosquito Control, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Arkansas Forestry Commission, local fire and police departments, and private entities. Pilots will be utilizing numerous types of aircraft as they practice water delivery methods on a controlled burn simulating a wildfire in McIntosh County, Georgia.

The Georgia Forestry Commission's Air Operations Unit consists of 31 pilots, 17 airplanes, and one helicopter, housed in seven hangars strategically located around the state. The pilots patrol every Georgia county, watching for wildfires and controlled burns.

For more information about fire safety and the services of the Georgia Forestry Commission, visit [GaTrees.org](http://GaTrees.org).

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