



## Overview of Georgia Forestry Commission's Firefighter Property Program (FFP) for Cooperators

The Firefighter Property (FFP) Program refers to excess Department of Defense (DoD) property that is suitable for use in providing fire and emergency services. The FFP Program began in 2005; Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) began participating in 2012. The US Department of Defense (DoD) allows USFS to manage excess DoD Firefighting property transfers. USFS works in cooperation with the State agency responsible for wildland and rural firefighting to ensure authorized and qualified firefighting entities are Users/Recipients of the property.

### **STEPS REQUIRED TO BEGIN THE ACQUISITION FOR FFP FOR COOPERATORS**

- All property obtained through the FFP Program must be used for fire or other emergencies.
- Any cooperator desiring FFP property through the GFC must use the below established processes.
  1. Initiate contact with the local GFC Chief Ranger that services the County and describe the item(s) needed and the purpose.
  2. Complete the FFP Cooperative Agreement (provided by the Chief Ranger). The Cooperative Agreement **must be signed by the local official** that legally can commit and enter into agreements for the fire or emergency service agency **as well as the Fire Chief and Chief Ranger.**
  3. Complete the FFP Request Form (provided by the Chief Ranger) that offers information connected to who is requesting the item(s) and the purpose. The FFP Request Form **must be signed by the local official** that legally can commit and enter into agreements for the fire or emergency service agency **as well as the Fire Chief and Chief Ranger.**

***Note: The screening processes for the items requested cannot begin without a signed and executed FFP Request Form and a Cooperative Agreement on File.***

### **COOPERATORS MUST COMMIT TO THE BELOW REQUIREMENT OF THE FFP PROGRAM. (Also contained in the FFP Cooperative Agreement)**

- The Cooperator agrees to pay the **\$100** Administrative fee per transaction for **non-titled** property and a **\$200** Administrative fee for **titled** property.
- The Cooperator agrees to reimburse the GFC for any travel expenses (meals, mileage, and lodging) associated with acquisition of the FFP items, if GFC incurs these expenses on behalf of the Cooperator.
- The Cooperator agrees to place the FFP items received in service within 6 months. This includes USFS/DOD requirements of painting and removing all military markings. This expense is the responsibility of the Cooperator. An In-Service inspection will be performed by GFC at 6 months.
- After 1-year in-service, a Compliance Inspection will be performed. Upon completion of this inspection, ownership may then be transferred to the Cooperator.