

Excess Property Programs

Low-Cost Fire Protection for Rural America:

The Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) and the DoD Firefighter Programs allow for the screening and acquisition of excess government\military equipment. FEPP\FFP are cooperative programs between the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry and the Indiana Division of Forestry. This equipment is then made available to fire departments for conversion to firefighting apparatus. This equipment includes vehicles, generators, fire equipment, etc.

The equipment is made available under a cooperative lease agreement. There is no cost to the department to obtain this equipment. However, the federal government maintains all titles for vehicles acquired under the FEPP Program. Title for qualifying equipment acquired under the DoD Firefighter Program will pass to the department after all qualifications are met. Cooperating departments must obtain and maintain a license plate and liability insurance on any equipment that is operated on a public roadway. Departments have one year to put the equipment in service and are authorized to keep the equipment as long as it is operated in according to the lease agreement.

Departments must first submit an application to be considered for Excess Property. The application will be valid for two years. At the end of that time, a new application is necessary for the department to remain eligible to receive equipment.

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 protections purposes only.

If you are interested in receiving an application for Excess Property, contact Lonnie Kern at Fire Headquarters (765) 792-4647, or email at lkern@dnr.IN.gov.

Available Equipment:

Most items loaned in the Excess Property 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.