Fire Fighting Hand tool Program

The Division of Forestry has funds available for the purchase of wildland firefighting hand tools. Tools are purchased in large quantities through the State's competitive bid process or through the General Services Administration. These tools are then made available to cooperating fire departments without charge. Departments that receive tools will be asked to sign a cooperative mutual aid agreement (sample provided upon request). The current program provides a limited amount of funding. Departments will receive these tools with priority given to departments who have never received tools and as the tools become available. Departments who have not received tools for 10 years will have second priority to Departments who have never received tools.

If you are interested in the hand tool program and would like more information, contact Lonnie Kern at (765) 792-4647 or lkern@dnr.IN.gov.

Application Information

To receive any type of assistance (e.g., Volunteer Fire Assistance funds, Federal Excess Personal Property equipment or the Hand tool program) complete an application for firefighting assistance. The application can be submitted at wildfire.dnr.in.gov

When the application is completed, make a copy, and keep it on file at the department.