

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 rural and volunteer fire department 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 Mark T. Huter at (765) 792-4654 or mhuter@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 a standard online application. The following are a few guidelines to remember when applying for one or more of these programs:

Completely fill out all parts of the application.

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