

National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Wildland Fire Education Working Team



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Getting information about the National Fire Prevention and Education Teams (NFPET) is now just a mouse-click away. With the launch of the new website, located at: www.firepreventionteams.us you can check the status of team members, look for training opportunities or simply obtain information about the teams. The website also serves as a centralized source for wildfire prevention and education materials and provides tools for use by anyone interested in the interagency prevention and education program.

Since 1996, National Fire Prevention and Education Teams have been serving the country on an interagency basis. Teams are ordered to assist and support local units in the prevention of unwanted human-caused wildfires. The team is composed of trained specialists, tailored to provide needed expertise in a wide variety of ways and subjects, including public relations, education, outreach, the natural role of wildfire, and professional wildfire prevention assessments to assist communities in becoming Firewise.

In 2001, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's (NWCG) Wildland Fire Education Working Team (WFEWT) developed a five-year strategy to further develop and enhance NFPET. Part of this strategy was the creation of the new website, to be used by the NFPET, others in the fire community and individuals who just want to learn more about the teams.

Resources available on this website include:

- A listing of team members by position and availability status
- Administration documents
- An easy-to-use tool kit of educational materials, including some bilingual publications
- A host guide to facilitate interaction between the local unit and the NFPET
- A training calendar
- A situation report entry page
- Links to state and federal agencies and other fire associations

The WFEWT is one of 14 working teams designated by the NWCG. The mission of the WFEWT is to address wildland fire education before, during and after wildland fire incidents. The purpose of the NWCG is to coordinate programs of participating wildfire management agencies to avoid wasteful duplication and to provide a means of constructively working together.

For more information about the Wildland Fire Education Working Team contact your agency representative listed on the web site at: www.nwcg.gov/teams/wfewt/wfedu.htm#Roster