

NEW Firefighter Property Program (FFP) vs. CURRENT Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP)

Both programs are administered by the USDA Forest Service through the South Carolina Forestry Commission (SCFC) and available to Fire Departments in South Carolina.

Program Purpose:

FFP- Utilization of DoD Firefighter Property for the exclusive purpose of fire suppression, fire prevention and related emergency services of Fire Departments.

FEPP – Utilization of military excess property for the exclusive purpose of fire suppression and fire prevention services of Fire Departments.

Program Differences:

FFP- SCFC will provide Title to Fire Departments once the vehicle is put into service as required and outlined in the agreement.

FEPP- USDA Forest Service holds Title on vehicles which are on loan to Fire Departments through the SCFC.

FFP- Fire Departments will pay SCFC for transportation costs for picking up vehicles.

FEPP- No charges to Fire Departments for SCFC picking up vehicles.

FFP- Fire Departments must sign a Memorandum of Understanding, FFP Agreement and a Property Transfer Agreement.

FEPP- Fire Departments must sign a Memorandum of Understanding, an Equipment Lease Agreement and a Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Program Similarities:

Fire Departments are required to convert said equipment into viable fire fighting equipment within 6 months. And all military equipment / vehicles must be painted to ensure there are no military colors or markings on the equipment.

Fire Departments must comply with program requirements; otherwise the Fire Departments will be ineligible to acquire additional equipment or vehicles from either the FFP or FEPP programs for three years.

Fire Departments to complete a request form for equipment or vehicles desired.

Equipment Availability:

SCFC will begin taking requests now with forms on-line at <http://www.trees.sc.gov/ffedpr.htm> and will begin screening October 1, 2011 under FFP and will continue to screen under FEPP. Equipment and vehicles will be screened according to the requests. Fire Departments will be notified when such equipment is found that meets their request and arrangements for pickup will be coordinated.