



August 3, 2020

Dear Fire Department Representative,

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry will be accepting applications for the FY 2020 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program beginning August 3rd through September 11th, 2020.

Fire departments with 75 percent of their firefighters serving in a volunteer capacity to a population of 10,000 or less will be eligible to apply for **VFA Wildfire Suppression Kits**, consisting of 5 Wildfire Jumpsuits, 10 Council Fire Rakes, 10 Pulaski/Foresters Axes, 10 Wildfire Gloves and 10 Wildfire Goggles valued at \$3,000 per kit. These kits will be provided through a portion of the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant from the U.S. Forest Service.

Before participating in this program, a fire department must be legally organized and have a current **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the Division of Forestry that is dated after June 30, 2015. If you do not have a MOU, please contact the Assistant District Forester in your area (District office locations and contact information is listed on page 4 of the VFA Application).

More information about the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program can be found at <http://www.burnsafetn.org/vfa.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. P. Bible'.

Robin Bible
Fire Operations Unit Leader