

Responsibilities of Cooperating Fire Districts

Cooperating fire districts may be responsible for painting the vehicle, and they must place the vehicle in service within six months of receiving it from the NFS Fire Shop. Additionally, districts must keep the truck's water load within specifications and maintain the truck while in use.

Benefits to Cooperating Fire Districts

The Federal Excess Personal Property Program allows fire districts to obtain essential firefighting equipment at an affordable price.

Additionally, the NFS Fire Shop can provide cooperating fire districts resources for reducing vehicle maintenance costs. This includes securing parts for vehicles and providing complimentary maintenance checks during each vehicle's inventory, which occurs every two years.

Mechanics can also provide routine vehicle maintenance at the NFS Fire Shop or fire districts may use a trusted local mechanic.



The NFS Fire Shop's mobile repair unit is available to respond to the maintenance needs of cooperating fire districts.

As part of the Fire Shop's goal of remaining service-oriented, a mobile repair unit is available to respond to the maintenance needs of cooperating fire districts. This unit will be available to provide routine repairs, as well as on-site support for cooperating districts in the event of catastrophic fires.

For more information about the Nebraska Forest Service Federal Excess Personal Property Program or to inquire about vehicle availability contact:

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What is Federal Excess Personal Property?

When certain types of vehicles are no longer needed by the federal government, they become available at military and federal installations across the country. Through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP), and Firefighter Property (FFP), the Nebraska Forest Service, in cooperation with the United States Forest Service, is able to acquire some of these vehicles, which are reconditioned and loaned to cooperating rural fire districts. Currently, more than 550 pieces of FEPP and FFP equipment are in use by approximately 245 rural fire districts across Nebraska.

While in use by rural fire districts, the equipment remains federal property. When no longer needed, the equipment is returned to NFS; it is then either reassigned or sold, with the proceeds returned to the federal treasury.

From Fire Shop to Fire District

NFS is responsible for screening, retrieving, reconditioning, inventorying and assigning federal excess personal property.

The process begins when vehicles are screened through the Government Services Administration (GSA) website and the Department of Defense DLA website and brought to the Nebraska Forest Service Fire Shop near Mead, Neb. Upon arrival at the fire shop, mechanics inspect each vehicle to determine necessary repairs and upgrades.

Next, repairs are made to bring the vehicle up to current safety standards. Additional safety devices, such as back-up alarms, light bars, electrical converters and, if necessary, hard tops are often added to each vehicle, making them suitable for use by rural fire districts.



Repairs and modifications are made to vehicles to bring them up to current safety standards and make them suitable for use by rural fire districts.