



FIREFIGHTER PROPERTY PROGRAM (FFP)



The Firefighter Property (FFP) program will be implemented by the CAL FIRE Business Services Office (BSO) Federal and State property staff. These staff will work with Fire Protection Units and the Local Fire Departments (LFDs) including Volunteer Fire Departments (VFDs).

The following is a general outline of how the program will work:

1. FFP must directly support the fire protection program and emergency services. Property could include vehicles and other fixed assets, plus fabricating materials, warehouse equipment, tools, and other items needed to distribute, maintain and prepare the property for fire use or emergency use. All acquisitions must be justified by how the acquisition will support this purpose.
2. Authorized local cooperators can directly screen for FFP in the DoD Reutilization, Transfer, and Disposition (RTD) website, utilizing access codes provided by CAL FIRE. Once approved by the state and the USDA Forest Service, the property request is submitted for approval by DoD through a competitive allocation process. Once allocated the recipient-cooperator must immediately pick up and receipt for the equipment and make it operational (place in service). The recipient-coordinator has a deadline of 14 calendar days to pick up the property from the DoD Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) site.
3. For ownership to transfer, the following procedures will take place:
 - a. Place the property in service within one calendar year of pick up or immediately if the property was picked up in safe operating condition.
 - b. After placing the property in service by recording this event in the Federal Excess Property Management Information System (FEPMIS), the recipient-cooperator uses the property for its intended purpose of firefighting or emergency service for a minimum of one calendar year.
 - c. The maximum time allowed for both procedures (a) and (b) is two calendar years. Both procedures could be accomplished in less amount of time, if desired.
4. Persons selected to screen (search and request items) for cooperators need to be knowledgeable in wildland and structural fire control programs and the types of equipment needed. Screeners should have internet access.
5. Local cooperators become directly accountable for FFP's acquisition, inventory, loss or misuse; the current practice of sponsorship, control and accountability of FEPP by CAL FIRE units is no longer necessary nor justified in the new program.