



MEDIA ALERT

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WHAT: The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) 2023 Interagency Wildland Fire Academy. During this annual academy, wildland firefighters and other emergency responders from many agencies and states learn how to respond to wildfires and other disasters. Students also build their field skills with courses such as bulldozer and chainsaw operation.

Members of the media are invited to observe activities, speak with instructors and learn about emergency response.

WHEN: Friday, May 26 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: Longwood University, Moss Hall
315 S Main St, Farmville, VA 23901

RSVP: Please contact Kevin Dawson to RSVP by Tuesday, May 23.

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About the Virginia Department of Forestry

The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) protects and develops healthy, sustainable forest resources for Virginians. With nearly 16 million acres of forestland and more than 108,000 Virginians employed in forestry, forest products and related industries, Virginia forests provide an overall economic output of more than \$21 billion annually.

Headquartered in Charlottesville, the agency has forestry staff members assigned to every county to provide citizen service and public safety protection across the Commonwealth, which it's been doing now for more than 100 years. DOF is an equal opportunity provider.