



2018 FFLA NJ Chapter Report

Membership

28 members

14 are plus members

1 is comp

Financial

As of 12-31-18 \$384.97

The 2018 Fire season was a bit different then the 2017 year as of Feb it was starting to look like the state Forest Fire Service would be putting Fire towers up by the beginning of March do to the fact the state had any Snow pack at this point. That changed end of Feb begining of March when the state had close to 24" of snow. With snow on the ground NJ fire season really did not start until mid April with the state Forest Fire Service started staffing fire towers. On paper NJ spring fire season is from Mid March to Mid May or once the trees leaf out all depends on the weather By early July the rains came on and off that was the end of towers being staffed and with a lot of moisture during the fall the start did not have a fall fire season which normally starts when the leaves start falling till we get moisture in Nov or Dec. The state still staffs and maintains 21 towers 7 in Div A, 8 in Div B and 6 in Div C. Do to the shortage of full time tower operators thru

out the state the state is looking at hiring 3 tower operators 1 for each Div for 2019. The state uses part time operators as need to staff towers as need where there was not a full time operator assigned to that tower. The part time operators are wildland fire fighters, Deputy or District warden who is available to staff a vacant tower

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