

	<b>2022 NJ CHAPTER REPORT</b>
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**Membership**

43 Members

22 are plus Members

**Financial**

There was \$615.85 in the NJ chapter account as of 12-31-2022

The NJ Forest Fire Service started staffing fire towers by mid February. The state did not see a lot of snow this year, so fire season was earlier than normal. Normally spring fire season is mid march to mid May till the trees leaf out and fall fire season is Mid Sept to Nov when the rain or all the leaves are off the trees and the RH is high, With below normal rain fall this year towers were staffed right through the summer months and in to the fall fire season. Towers were staffed right through Thanksgiving Day. Most of the towers within the state were staffed by part timers this yr. The state Forest Fire Service still maintains and staff 21 towers within the state 7 in Div A in the north, 8 in Div B in the central part and 6 in Div C in the south. The state Forest Fire Service responded to 1100 fires for 12,663 acres that were burned. This year Catfish tower in Div A on the Appalachian Trail in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with hikes to the tower on July 4<sup>th</sup> and a display at Blairstown old time fair on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July too. Div A also celebrated Catfish 100<sup>th</sup> with displays of the tower at other fairs and events this summer.

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