



## North Carolina Air Force Base Trains Structural Firefighters in Wildland Fire

**The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy** is a national collaborative effort to bring a broad cross-section of stakeholders together to address wildland fire management challenges. The Strategy directs wildland fire planning activities and has three primary goals: restore and maintain landscapes, develop Fire-Adapted Communities, and improve wildfire response.

Activity	Impact
# participants in training	20

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (AFB), to increase capacity of wildland firefighters and provide Service Member firefighters additional job skills, recently began a program to train active duty structural firefighters in wildland fire. The pilot project was carried out through a partnership between Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina State University, and the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS). Twenty active duty men and women volunteered to participate in the national standard wildland fire training program. The training focused on fire preparedness, prescribed burning, and wildfire suppression. When available, the volunteers are able to join the NCFS on prescribed burns, thus increasing the capacity of the NCFS in areas near to the base. Once released from active

duty, and with an annual refresher training, these 20 trained individuals can enter the workforce as skilled wildlands firefighters, supporting increased capacity in North Carolina and nationally.



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