



Ready, Set, Go!

Ready – Be Prepared

Set – Understand the Threat

Go! – Act Early



RSG! Program and Sustainable Jersey

What is the Action?

- 🔥 Ready Set Go (RSG) is an outreach program designed to build a better relationship between the local fire company and the community.
- 🔥 RSG helps fire departments teach individuals who live in high risk wildfire areas (areas where the forest meets development) how to best prepare themselves, their families and their properties against fire threats.



Ready Set Go!

- 🔥 **READY:** Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of wildland fire so your home, family or business is ready in case of fire.
- 🔥 **SET:** Pack your emergency kit! Know how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety officials.
- 🔥 **GO: ACT EARLY** Follow your personal pre-planned action plan. When told to evacuate be ready and leave immediately by evacuation instructions.



Why is the Action Necessary?

- 🔥 NJ is the most densely populated state in the country.
- 🔥 NJ averages 1500 fires a year burning 7,000 acres.
- 🔥 These two facts combined with changing weather patterns increases NJ's risk of a catastrophic wildfire incident.

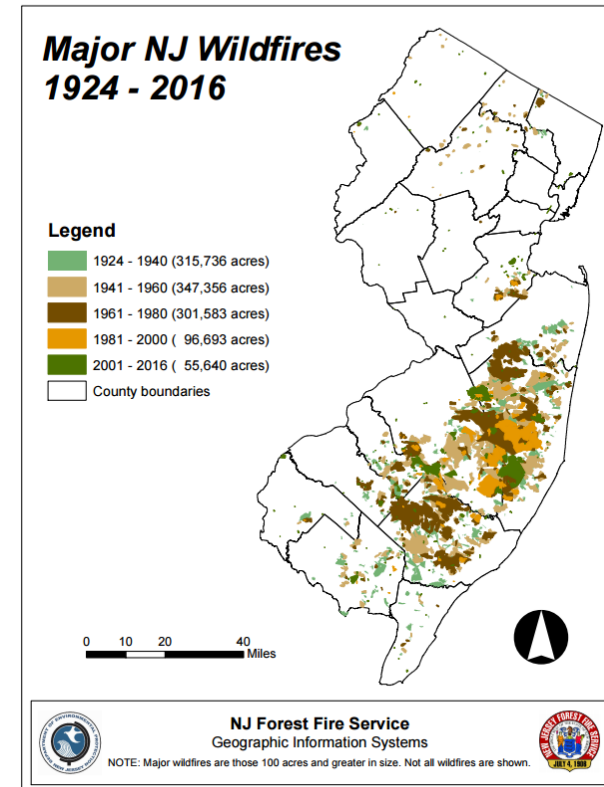


Degolia Wildfire, Wharton State Forest, Waterford Twp, (Photo: Edward Carter Jr)



Who Should Be Involved in This Action?

- 🔥 Local Fire Departments are the lead agency for this action.
- 🔥 It is essential for local fire Depts. to partner with their communities to better educate and inform the residents about the risk of wildfire
- 🔥 Successful RSG programs enlist the support of local government through the Offices of Emergency Management (OEM), and local police departments and others.



RSG! What to Do And How to do it:

1. The local Fire Dept. signs up with the International Association of Fire Chief (IAFC) at no cost.
2. Once signed up the local Fire Dept. has access to all IAFC outreach materials.
3. The local Fire Dept reaches out to the community it serves and establishes a working relationship and explains RSG!.
4. Record outreach hours with IAFC
5. To earn Sustainable Jersey Points for RSG 2 outreach events must be held.



Holiday City Wildfire, Berkeley Twp, NJ.



RSG! What to Do And How to do it:

6. Provide documentation on the Fire Depts. outreach event by submitting copies of the AMS reports submitted to the IAFC.

7. Municipalities may earn additional points by “mentoring” other fire companies or departments either within or outside the Municipality that complete their RSG outreach obligation.



Sustainable Points Achieved

Point Tallies:

- 🔥 For Municipalities with one RSG Fire Dept. or Company that completes 2 outreach events: 5pts.
- 🔥 For Municipalities having Fire Depts./Companies with mentoring and two or more RSG trained Companies: 10 pts
- 🔥 For Municipalities with Fire Depts./Companies with mentoring and three or more RSG trained companies: 15 points maximum.



Submission Requirements

- Upload a copy of each fire department's approved Ready, Set, Go! report form from the IAFC Achievement Management System reporting system that indicates your education and outreach activities were accepted. Municipalities can submit documentation from up to 3 fire departments servicing their municipality
- In the text box describe the mentoring relationship between the Ready, Set, Go! fire departments

