



NJ 2020 Chapter Report

Membership

34 Members

17 are Plus Members

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Financial

As of 12-31-2020 \$ 486.86

The NJ Forest Fire Service still maintain and staff 21 fire towers throughout the state. There are 7 towers in the north part of the state 8 towers in the central part of the state and 6 towers in the southern part of the state. This yr was a bit different than normal and it was not because of covid. The state did not get a snow pack this year, so we dried out earlier than normal so as of the middle of February towers were staffed on class 2 days or higher for the spring fire season. The towers worked to mid July when we received some moisture then we were back up in the towers by mid September through mid November for the fall fire season. Milton fire tower which was out of service since super storm Sandy hit in the fall of 2012 because it took out the power and phone lines was put back in to service this year. The state put a conex at the base of the tower to house a generator for power for the tower and a cell phone to replace the land line. This year the towers in the north were up 118 days and the towers in the central and southern part of the state were up around 130 days for the 2020 season. The state currently has 9 full time tower observers when they are not in their tower are assigned to work out of the

Division office closes to their tower. So right now Div A in the north has 1 full time tower operator and utilizes part timers to staff the other 6 towers, in Division B central part of the state has 5 full time operators and utilize part timers to staff the 3 other towers, in Division C in the south has 3 full time operators and utilize part timers to fill the other 3 towers.

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