

## MN/FFLA annual Report

For the year of 2019 all was quiet in the woods in Northern MN.. There was one fire tower move by Todd Hafics. The story is in video form on YouTube.. Search YT window using the words: Todd's Fire Tower move or:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=moving+a+fire+tower](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=moving+a+fire+tower)

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I am looking for someone to replace me at the Bemidji Fairgrounds Fire Tower and Forestry Education Center next to the fire tower..

Here is a email sent to the MN Forestry association:

### **Fire Tower Display by Dave Quam**

In 2004 I moved The Pinewood Fire Tower to the Beltrami County Fairgrounds in Bemidji, all done with private donations. Ever since then we have had over 1000+ climbers each fair date.

(A video of the ribbon ceremony is on YouTube under the title:) [FEC Ribbon Cutting for new Forestry Education Center, Bemidji, MN](#)

Due to the many climbers at the Fire Tower, I have to control how many climb at one time and keep those that are too small from climbing... Thus the need of man power. To help, I have recruited members of the area Civil Air Patrol and members of a local "Trap Shooting Club" to act as a control agent. Because of the popularity of the Fire Tower, we built a 30x50 building next to the Fire Tower to house a Forestry and Fire Tower display, called: Forestry Education Center. I recruit locals to be in the Forestry Education Center, (FEC) building to act as a "Host" and give a tours of the displays. This is where I could use help...are there any retired DNR personal that would be interested in being a "Host" in the FEC Building or Fire Tower?? Pass the word..

Because of my work in persevering the Fire Tower and telling the story of Forestry in the FEC building, the Forestry Employees Association awarded me the "Buzz

Ryan Award" for my dedication to Forestry in Minnesota and informing the public of an era gone by, "The Fire Tower".

Now that I am 80+ years old, I am looking for someone to take my place as the "Superintendent" of the Forestry / Fire Tower Display at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds, Bemidji, MN.....  
(Superintendent: Title of the person in charge of a area in the Fairgrounds.)

If you have an interest, contact me at:

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