

New Jersey Chapter Report 2011

Membership: 26 members with 12 being plus members

The New Jersey Forest Fire Service maintains and operates 21 Fire towers within the state. All the towers are listed on the NHLR. The Forest Fire Service uses full time operators to work the towers. If the operators are not in their towers during fire season or in climate weather they are working at the division office or doing trail work or working on their towers. With the budget for the last few yrs not all the towers are being staffed by full timers; those towers are being staffed by part timers who are crew members, Deputy Warden or district wardens. The towers with full time operators go up on a class 2 day and the towers with part timers go up on a class 3 day or class 2 depending on fire weather. This year was quieter than usual due to over abundance of snow in the winter and above average of rain during the spring thru the fall.

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