



2025 NJ Chapter Report

Membership

As of 12/31/25 have 45 members

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26 Regular

18 Plus

Financial

As of 12/31/25 the NJ chapter has \$867.63 in its account

The NJ Forest Fire Service maintains 21 fire towers, 7 in the north, 8 in the central part and 6 in the south. Of the 7 in the north 6 were being staffed this yr as Ramapo tower was out of service with electrical issues. Plans are in the works to resolve that issue and have the tower staffed for the 2026 fire season.

The central part of the state has 8 towers 7 were being staffed and Lakewood tower was taken out of service when a large water tank was built by the tower blocking part of its view. It was decided to take it down and the top part was going to go to the Forest Resource Education Center in Jackson just north of Lakewood site and use it as an interpretive site at the center. It was decided to replace with a new

tower at the (FREC) it would be the same design as the new Pennsylvania towers that were replacing a few older towers in the state 7x7 cab with a cat walk on 3 sides of the tower. It will be called Veterans tower and should be in service for 2026 fire season

The southern part of the state has 6 towers and they were all staffed this year

This year 6 of the 7 northern towers participated in lighting their towers during Labor Day weekend like NY towers do each year

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