



The Section Firewarden's Guide to Ready-Set-Go



READY, SET, GO! THE NATIONAL PROGRAM

www.wildlandfireRSG.org

The Ready, Set, Go program, managed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), seeks to develop and improve the dialogue between fire departments and the residents they serve. The program helps fire departments teach individuals who live in high risk wildfire areas - and the wildland urban interface (WUI) – how to best prepare themselves, their families, and their properties against fire threats.

READY : Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place. Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within the home know the plan of action.

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 wildland fire action plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

Program resources are at your fingertips. Upon joining RSG (at no charge), the department will receive a tool kit of resources for outreach and have access to the program's documents from the web site. The resources are customizable and free.

WHY PROMOTE READY, SET, GO

- 1) Increase residents wildfire awareness by partnering with fire departments (volunteer and career). RSG is a complete outreach resource package, from the RSG action guide to pre-done letters to HOA's and township officials. NJFFS can increase Residents wildfire awareness by promoting RSG to fire departments in fire prone areas. Thru RSG the fire departments will reach more people, and give them an understanding of they can do to take their own safety. and give the dangers of wildfire and what personal responsibility for their



- 2) RSG increases NJFFS and communities. When

Fire departments visibility in residents understand what we do

and how we do it they are more likely to support us.

- 3) The best way to promote buy in from fire departments is to stress the rewards to them, the IAFC gives yearly grants for outreach efforts, volunteer fire departments fund drives go up from doing outreach, and fire departments develop a better relationship with the community they protect.
- 4) RSG is one of four emergency services components of Sustainable Jersey, a program in which towns get points for attaining certain criteria, which in turn leads to those towns being eligible for grants.
- 5) RSG is an outreach component of the National Cohesive Fire Management Strategy, by promoting RSG, NJFFS is helping to attain one of the goals of the National Cohesive Strategy in NJ.