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To: Commissions, Operations Committee, Work Teams, Cooperators and Guests  
 From: Tom Brady  
 Subject: 2022 Winter Training / Awareness Meeting

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The annual Winter Training/Awareness Meeting of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact will be held at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn in South Portland, ME on January 25-27, 2021. The meeting will be two full days preceded by Working Team meetings on Tuesday Jan 25th. An awards dinner banquet is scheduled for the last evening, on Thursday January 27th. For anyone unable to attend in person, we will also provide an opportunity to join the general sessions virtually using the Zoom platform.

#### General Schedule

<b>Tue, Jan 25</b>	08:30- 15:00	Working team meetings (rooms available at 08:00)
<b>Wed, Jan 26</b>	08:30- 16:30 18:00 -21:00	General session Vendor social
<b>Thu, Jan 27</b>	0830 – 16:30 18:00 -20:00	General session Banquet/ Karl Kenyon gadget hour

Anyone attending meetings, including Working Team meetings, needs to register. Please see the registration form included. Each Working Team will also be invited to meet with the Operations Committee in the afternoon to review 2022 work plans and discuss budget requests.

Please see the attached agenda for specific programmed events.

The general registration fee for all participants is \$45 per person per day. The general registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, and nutrition breaks. A casual evening awards banquet will be held on Thursday January 27th at a cost of \$35.

Please note that a vendor table/display registration still requires each vendor personnel member to register as participant, in addition to a table/display registration. Vendors are cordially invited to attend all aspects of the meeting. Ample opportunity will be provided for interaction between

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COMPACT MEMBERS....Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island, US Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service, US National Park Service, US Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fire Department New York



**You will be asked to certify that you meet these standards when you register. If you cannot meet these requirements, you may have the option of connecting virtually, if available.**

**For non-NFFPC participants, proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of session arrival will be required.**

**If you develop COVID symptoms and subsequently test positive within 14 days after the meeting or training, please inform your agency lead and/or NFFPC for contact tracing purposes.**

**Any costs associated with testing and/or vaccinations are the responsibility of the participant.**

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#### Payment Arrangements

The Compact will pay for any unpaid Compact members' hotel, restaurant, banquet, and registration costs at the conclusion of the session. These charges, minus any authorized Working Team costs, will later be invoiced to the member agencies and/or charged to member reserve funds. All others are responsible for payment of their own registration fees, lodging and meal costs. Unless other arrangements have been made, **registration fees are due with the registration form.**

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft agenda. If you have any questions regarding the 2022 NFFPC Winter Awareness Meeting, feel free to contact Eric Earle or myself. (See letterhead for contact info).

Looking forward to getting together in person and/or virtually in 2022!



Executive Director



## *January 2022 Winter Awareness Meeting*

### **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

0830	NFFPC Working Team Meetings
10:00-10:30	Break
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-17:00	Operations Committee Meeting
1500	Break

### **Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Time Slot</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
0830-0845	Opening Remarks / Recognition of Commissioners	Tom Brady
0845-0915	NFFPC Exec Director/Deputy Exec Director report	Tom Brady
0915-0930	Operations Committee Update	Jeff Motty
0930-1000	Working Team Reports	T.B.D
1000-1030	Vendor Introductions / Coffee Break	
1030-1100	Working Team Reports	T.B.D
1100-1130	NECC Report	T.B.D
1130-1200	Forest Health Update	Michael Bohne
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1330	Maine Forest Service Type III Team Assignment	Robby Gross
1330-1400	Eastern Area IMT Deployments	T.B.D.
1400-1430		
1430-1500	Prevention and Education	T.B.D.
1500-1530	Vendor Introductions / Coffee Break	
1530-1600		T.B.D.
1600-1620	Prescribed Burning Training - Tall Timbers	T.B.D
1620-1630	Wrap up - Day One	T.B.D.
1800-2100	VENDOR SOCIAL	ETWT



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**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Day Chair: T.B.D.

<b>Time Slot</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
0830-0900	North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange Update	Virginia Schutte
0900-0930	National Weather Service Update	Eric Evenson
0930-1000	US Fish and Wildlife Service Update	Art Canterbury
1000-1030	Vendor Introductions / Coffee Break	
1030-1130	Baxter Park Staff Ride	Jon Blackstone
1130-1200	Quebec Aviation Program	T.B.D
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1320	CIFFC – 2021 Fire Season in Canada	Dave Bokovay
1320-1430	Fitness Testing Requirements – Canada and US Perspective	T.B.D
1430-1500	Fitness Testing Panel Discussion	T.B.D
1500-1530	Vendor Introductions / Coffee Break	
1530-1600	Maine Forest Service UAS Program	T.B.D
1600-1620		
1620-1630	Wrap up	Tom Brady
1800-2000	BANQUET/KARL KENYON GADGET HOUR	