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Chapter 5. Forest Firefighting

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Establishment of firefighting organization

Sec. 1. The department, acting through the director and the state forester, shall establish and equip a firefighting organization within the division of forestry for the purpose of detecting, preventing, fighting, and controlling fires in state forest land. The department may extend the same fire detection, prevention, fighting, and control services established to other state land under the department's supervision and control. The department may also establish the same services for land not owned by the state and not lying within a city or town for the purpose of protecting the forests, fields, and grassland of the state.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.

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Rights and immunities

Sec. 2. In fighting fires under this chapter, the officers and employees of the department have the following:

- (1) All the rights and immunities guaranteed to municipal firefighters by law.
- (2) The right to enter upon the land of an individual, a firm, a limited liability company, a corporation, a municipal corporation, a city, a town, a county, or the state to carry out their duties.
- (3) The authority to set back fires, dig trenches, cut lanes, and use all other customary and accepted modern methods of firefighting on private land.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.16.