



# Introduction to Wildland Fire Suppression

This course is specifically designed for inexperienced firefighters or firefighters with previous experience and training that need reinforcement of existing knowledge. This course will provide the basic training needed to make a safe, effective initial attack on smaller "forest / vegetation fires" in Michigan.

This is the first and foundational wildland fire behavior course in a five-course sequence in the NWCG curriculum. It introduces students to the basic concepts of wildland fire behavior, including:

- The primary wildland fire environment components: fuels, weather, and topography.
- How characteristics and interactions of fuels, weather, and topography affect fire behavior.
- How fire behavior affects risk to firefighters.

**When:** Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025; from 5:00 – 10:00pm

**Where:** Benton Township Fire Department - Station # 1  
781 S. Crystal Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

**Prerequisites:** 18 years old and a Member of a Michigan Fire Department

**Cost:** Provided at no cost, by the Michigan DNR – Allegan Field Office

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