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## **2021 Rural Fire Show Hosted by Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Arkansas Rural and Volunteer Firefighters Association**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division and the Arkansas Rural and Volunteer Firefighters Association (ARVFA) hosted the 2021 Rural Fire Show on October 2 at the Conway Expo and Event Center.

Attending the event were 479 firefighters and their families representing 167 Arkansas Fire Departments. The event also included 42 vendors.

The Rural Fire Show is a free event held in appreciation for Arkansas firefighters and their families to honor the service and protection they provide. The event included wildland fire discussions, equipment demonstrations, resources and information from fire industry programs, networking opportunities, and a catered lunch with door prizes.

“All of us in Arkansas are indebted to firefighters,” said State Forester Joe Fox. “We have more than 850 rural fire departments that are partners with our Rangers when we fight wildland fires. The Forestry Division and ARVFA enjoy hosting the firefighters and their families annually just to say THANK YOU!”

For more information about the Forestry Division’s Rural Fire Protection Program visit the Arkansas Department of Agriculture website at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/forestry/rural-fire-protection-program/](https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/forestry/rural-fire-protection-program/). A photo album from the event is available here: [flic.kr/s/aHsmWR38nC](https://www.flic.kr/s/aHsmWR38nC).

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