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## 2022 Rural Fire Show Celebrates Arkansas Firefighters

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division hosted the 2022 Rural Fire Show this past weekend, with over 650 in attendance representing 135 fire departments. Photos from the event are available at [flic.kr/s/aHBqjA9HC9](https://www.flic.kr/s/aHBqjA9HC9).

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 throughout the state. The event included training opportunities, equipment demonstrations, resources and information, networking opportunities, and a catered lunch, sponsored by the Arkansas Rural and Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Throughout the show 77 door prizes were given away. The grand door prize, an auto extrication combination tool valued at over \$10,000, was won by Center Grove Fire Department in Grant County.

“The Forestry Division enjoys hosting the firefighters and their families annually just to say thank you,” said State Forester Joe Fox. “We have more than 850 rural fire departments that partner with us when we fight wildland fires, and we simply couldn’t do without them.”

“This year’s fire show was a huge success, thanks to our staff, our vendors, and our Arkansas firefighters,” said Kathryn Mahan-Hooten, Rural Fire Protection Administrator for the Forestry Division. “This is just one small way we can show Arkansas firefighters how thankful we are for the work they do.”

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/).

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