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2023 Rural Fire Show to be Held on October 7

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division and the Arkansas Rural and Volunteer Firefighters Association (ARVFA) will host the 2023 Rural Fire Show on Saturday, October 7. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Conway Expo and Event Center.

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 will include training opportunities, equipment demonstrations, resources and information, networking opportunities, and a catered lunch with door prizes.

"We have more than 850 rural fire departments that partner with the Forestry Division when we fight wildland fires," said State Forester Kyle Cunningham. "We are proud to host this annual event with ARVFA to show our appreciation for those firefighters and their families."

All firefighters are welcome to participate. Interested individuals can RSVP by emailing Lisa Clark at lisa.k.clark@agriculture.arkansas.gov. Learn more about the Forestry Division's Rural Fire Protection Program at agriculture.arkansas.gov/forestry/rural-fire-protection-program/.

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