

### **Prevention and Education**

39 programs contacting 15,591 individuals including students, families, educators and special interest groups

\* Topical information presented on fire prevention, fire management, Urban Interface, forestry and fire safety.

\* 2007 Highlights include: 1. Taking Tim Womick from the National Tree Trust and his high-energy "Tree Family" show around to schools to educate elementary aged kids on the importance of Indiana's Hardwood Forests.

\* Fire Prevention Week activities securing a Governor's Proclamation and taking MCAxe and the Fire Crew around to schools educating children on Fire Safety.

### **Training**

Fire Headquarters personnel conducted and/or assisted with 34 fire related training programs reaching 705 students including Departmental employees, Cooperating Agencies, Rural and Volunteer Fire Service and Private Sector participants. Training Topics included Fire Suppression, Fire Behavior, Prescribed Fire, Fire Ecology, Incident Command System and Wildland / Urban Interface.

### **Federal Excess Personal Property and Fire Department Assistance**

During 2007 the Fire Headquarters FEPP program acquired 108 equipment items to be dispersed to Rural/Volunteer Fire Departments including vehicles, generators, personal protective equipment, etc. with a total acquisition value of \$1,904,234.00.

\* The highlight for the FEPP program in 2007 was the acquisition of 28 enclosed trailers from FEMA that are being used by Fire Departments across the State for incident response, mobile command and all-risk response. A handful of the trailers are being utilized by the Division of Forestry to house temporary and seasonal employees on State Forest properties.

### **Volunteer Fire Assistance**

The 2007 grant year was another successful year for the Volunteer Fire Assistance program administered at Fire Headquarters. 77 grants were issued to rural and volunteer Fire Departments with a total grant value of \$575,218.00

\* Items purchased by the fire departments included wildland fire equipment, communication equipment, safety supplies, etc.

### **Fire Operations**

Despite a very wet spring season and a drought during the fall season, Fire Headquarters was able to exceed fire management goals by conducting and / or assisting with 66 Prescribed Fires on 4,801.6 acres.

\* A notable success for this year was working with foresters at Crane NSWC to implement prescribed fire on the installation to improve forest practice in particular oak regeneration.

Suppression fire numbers across the State were up this year due in large part to the drought conditions throughout the summer months. Fire Headquarters personnel responded to 21 fires that burned a total 2,203.25 on State and private ground.

\* Fire Headquarters Staff were intrinsically involved with the drought monitoring, education and response during the 2007 year. We partnered with several agencies including IDHS, NWS, NOAA, USGS, ISP, etc. to prepare, respond and plan for drought related activities.