



# FREE STATE UMBRELLA FPA

## TRAINING / OPLEIDING

**Course Name: Basic Wildfire Fighting in the Free State Grasslands**

### Course Description

Basic capacity and compliance course for volunteers that assists with suppression of fast-moving wildfires in fine and medium type fuels found in the Free State grassland biome. The course is designed to give participants a reasonable understanding of:

- Personal Risks Associated with Veld Fires in the Free State
- Veld Fire Awareness and Prevention
- Act 101 Penalties and Offences
- Structure of Wildfires
- Basic Wildfire Behaviour
- Wildfire Suppression Tools and Equipment
- Fine Fuel Suppression Techniques and Tactics
- Fire-Line Safety
  - Special Hazards

### Expected Outcomes

Participants completing the course will be informed of and should have a reasonable understanding of the risks and impact associated with the ignition and uncontrolled spread of wildfires in the Free State. Additionally, the participant will be informed how to participate in the suppression of wildfires safely and effectively in fast moving grass and brush fires as part of a supervised team.

### Participant Criterion

Potential participants must have basic literacy and numeracy skills and speak Sotho and English or Afrikaans fluently and be physically fit and able bodied.

### Course Format and Duration

The course is provided in a multimedia online format consisting of 3-hours theory and 2-hours practical components.

Course content and materials is English while the course is presented in Sotho and English.

**Mandatory Evaluation:** Basic multiple-choice evaluations at the end of the theory component and self-evaluation at the end of the practical component. Evaluations must be submitted online to obtain certificate of completion.

**Course Registration:** Participants can register individually or as a facilitator for a group of participants. All participants must provide a clear copy of ID documents on registration. No participation can be allowed without submission of a valid ID document.

**Cost:** R150.00 per person participant and is payable on registration.

**Includes:** Online course presentation, downloadable learning materials, evaluation, and certificate of completion.

**Excludes:** Data and device costs to participate in online course.

