



## MINUTES

### SOUTHEASTERN & SOUTH CENTRAL COMPACTS' JOINT MEETING

Wilmington, North Carolina

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

**Call to Order** – The Meeting was called to order by Brandon Howard, Chair, Southeastern Compact.

**Introduction of Members Present** –All attendees made introductions, with all states being represented except West Virginia.

**Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting and Approval** - Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were distributed earlier via e-mail. A reading of the minutes was not necessary, and the minutes were approved.

**Compact Coordinator Report** - The June 2023 – May 2024 South Central and Southeastern Joint Forest Fire Compacts' Report was e-mailed by Jim Prevette.

The report stated that for CY 2023:

- The Southern Area had 92% of the ten-year average in fire numbers and 70% of the ten-year average of acres burned.
- The Southern Area's wildfire totals were 45% of the nation's total and accounted for 25% of the total acres.
- 49% of human caused fire in the nation occurred in the Southern Area.

### **June 2023 – May 2024 Compact Dispatches**

This was an extremely busy year for the movement of compact resources. Both Compacts were activated twice for fire control and the Southeastern Compact was also activated for LE training.

### **Alliance of Forest Fire Compacts (AFFC)**

The NASF Fire Committee is planning to assist in reestablishing the Alliance of Forest Fire Compacts and has offered to host the AFFC website.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Members were presented with the proposed logos and letterhead for both compacts. They were tentatively approved pending the fire axes being replaced with pulaskis

### **New Officers** – New officers for the coming year were noted. They are:

SC Compact

Chair, Kyle Cunningham, AR

Vice-Chair, Wade Dubea, LA

Secretary, Russell Bozeman, MS

SE Compact

Chair, Russell Bozeman, MS

Vice-Chair, Greg Hicks, NC

Secretary, Scott Phillips, SC

### **Adjournment** – There being no additional business the Chairs adjourned the meeting.