

Indiana Dunes Area Park Group 2012 Accomplishments

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

(Fire Management Officer – Dan Morford)

The fire program qualified 143 permanent and collateral duty firefighters with red cards.

Fire personnel responded to and extinguished 15 wildfires in and bordering national lakeshore property, totaling 429 acres. The crew also responded to 13 wildfires in support of 7 of the 12 local communities that border the park.

The program supported 15 fire resources orders which sent crew members to 11 different locations throughout the country. The program assisted 4 other MWR parks with engines and engine personnel while their parks were in severity, as well as 2 RMR parks with overhead personnel. Personnel also assisted on oil spill details to Florida and Louisiana.

The fire program supported INDU with in house projects totaling over 650 hours, as well as supporting the park on multiple different committees as well as a position on The Eastern Area Training Working Team and a regional EEO representative.

The fire program completed 14 prescribed fires totaling 917 acres, 12 park structure WUI projects for 21 acres, 2 fuel breaks along 2 bordering communities totaling 7 acres, and a mowing contract for 3 acres along an important holding line in a high frequency wildland fire area.

The fire effects staff read over 354 plots within INDU as well as LIBO, CUVA and VOYA. Plots were installed for the first time at CUVA. Blue hearts, *Buchnera americana* was found in two new locations. Plants of the Chicago Region says it's 'one of our rarest plants'.

18 fire prevention and education programs were completed, contacting well over 1500 people and awarding over 150 Jr. Firefighter badges to kids who completed the program and activity book.

The fire staff instructed 13 different courses to park, state, local and interagency cooperators as well as satellite park personnel.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

(Fire Coordinator – Chris Ryan)

The park had 2 wildfires, totaling 1 acre. The fire program completed the first ever planned ignition. It was successful from a fire aspect as well as from the park management perspective of CUVA. 11 CUVA personnel were dispatched on wildfire assignments throughout the year.

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

(Fire Coordinator – Amanda Brushaber)

The national lakeshore had 1 wildfire under an acre in size. The fire staff burned over 40 piles of Austrian Pine, estimating 26 acres. 9 SLBE personnel were dispatched on wildfire assignments throughout the year.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

(Fire Coordinator – Gary Ferguson)

No activity for prescribed or wildland fire. 3 LIBO personnel were dispatched on wildfire assignments throughout the year.