

# Structural Fire

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Branch of Structural Fire  
Division of Fire and Aviation



## Structural Fire Fact Sheet

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### Leadership

- Shane Crutcher, Branch Chief
- Roberta Gorman, Fire Prevention
- Byron Smith, Operations
- Mike Schell, Training and Education
- Chris Wilcox, Fire and Aviation Chief

### Objective

Structural fire management activities are essential to the accomplishment of the National Park Service (NPS) mission. The NPS manages a structural fire program to protect people, building contents, structures, and resources from the effects of fire.

### By the Numbers

The NPS is the nation's steward for over 30,000 structures, totaling more than 58,000,000 square feet. The bureau also houses the world's largest system of museums, holding more than 44+ million objects and specimens, 86,000 linear feet of archives, and 503 collection facilities. Over 5,300 suppression and detection systems require inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM).

Many of the structures the NPS stewards are historic, and their destruction by fire could mean the loss of cultural treasures.

### Human Resources

Position	Staff
Collateral duty structural firefighters	186
Collateral duty park structural fire coordinators	400+
Regional structural fire marshals	7
Regional deputy structural fire marshal	1
Regional structural fire protection specialist	1
Regional structural fire protection engineers	1
Denver Service Center fire protection engineer	1
Branch chief	1
National fire prevention program manager	1
National fire operations program manager	1
National fire training program manager	1

### Apparatus

The NPS has 14 park sites actively engaged in structural fire suppression activities. Thirty-four fire stations in these parks house a total of 38 structural fire engines. Additionally, 6 fire boats are owned by NPS and staffed by NPS firefighters.

Park Name	Park Name
Big Bend NP	Grand Teton NP
Bryce Canyon NP	Kalaupapa NHP
Death Valley NP	Lake Mead NRA
Glacier NP	Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP
Glacier Bay NP	Yellowstone NP
Glen Canyon NRA	Yosemite NP
Grand Canyon NP	Zion NP

### For More Information

Learn more about the [National Park Service Structural Fire Program](https://www.nps.gov/sf) at [go.nps.gov/sf](https://www.nps.gov/sf).



Category	Northeast (R1)	National Capital (R1-NCA)	Southeast (R2)	Midwest (R3,4,5)	Intermountain (R6,7,8)	Pacific West (R9,10,12)	Alaska (R11)
Regional structural fire marshal	Pat Wilcox	Kevin Gantt	Jeff Felmet	Rob Rothwell	Carlos Hidalgo	Vacant	Alan Wetzel
Units	121 +/-	48 +/-	61 +/-	61 +/-	103 +/-	78 +/-	94 +/-
Engine company parks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	6	1
Firefighters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	118	68	6
Compliant firefighters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	20	1
Apparatus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28 + 3 boats	20 + 3 boats	1
Number of structures	4,963	1,325	4,084	3,270	8,341	7,496	1,360
Total inspectable square footage	14,020,034	3,485,842	6,096,202	6,940,796	13,680,862	11,665,788	1,472,551
Number of suppression or detection systems	923	238	552	651	1,330	1,054	263

## National Park Units within DOI's Unified Regions

