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Rhode Island's division of Forest Environment received a grant from the RI State Firefighters League for the purpose of providing wildland fire training to local fire departments. The RI State Firefighters League are appointed representatives from affiliated fire associations within RI. Their goal is to unite RI firefighter for social, instructive, educational and legislative purposes. With this grant as well as a grant provided by the US Forest Service, they were able to purchase video and editing equipment for the purpose of producing wildland fire training videos.

So far they have produced four training videos that cover suppression, prevention, tool use, safety and various other wildfire tactics. The Hose Lay video replaced an older training video that the division used for many years and is often used for classroom fire department trainings taught by RI Forest Rangers.



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All of the videos are posted on RI Division of Forest Environment's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Rhodelslandwildfire>. They often incorporate firefighters from RI Fire Departments into the videos so that the intended audience has direct involvement in the final product. This also helps the sharing of training videos on social media within RI's firefighter community. So far the video training project has gotten great response from firefighters on social media and well as in the classroom. It has proven to be an excellent training tool and RI's Forest Rangers hope to continue to produce more quality videos to help train departments in wildland fire mitigation.



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