

New Jersey Pinelands Commission PRESS ADVISORY

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ATTENTION REPORTERS AND EDITORS:

Pinelands Wildfire Safety Action Plan to be Presented during Public Meeting in Stafford Township

■ <u>WHAT</u>: Stafford and Barnegat townships are seeking public input on a wildfire safety action plan that will be presented during a public meeting in Stafford.

The action plan includes specific recommendations for implementing strategies aimed at mitigating wildfire hazard risks in the two Pinelands municipalities.

The meeting is a product of an ongoing wildfire safety project that the two municipalities are undertaking with the New Jersey Pinelands Commission and New Jersey Forest Fire Service. The objective of the program is to identify fire safety issues, select appropriate and specific response strategies and to assist Stafford and Barnegat in carrying out these strategies.

To undertake this project, a working committee, appointed by both communities, has been meeting with representatives of the New Jersey Forest Fire Service and the Pinelands Commission since March 2008. The group held its first public meeting on June 5, 2008, during which the committee's assessment of known community wildfire risks was presented to residents and other interested parties.

- <u>WHEN</u>: 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.., Monday, **September 22, 2008**.
- <u>WHERE</u>: Stafford Township Municipal Building on 260 E. Bay Avenue, Manahawkin, NJ.

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