

*Recruits ready to fight fires

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THE Working on Fire (WOF) region in the province has recruited more unemployed youth to support its teams across the province.

"The recruitment is also part of WOF taking pride in making an impact on unemployment by hiring and training unemployed youth to implement integrated fire management," its spokesperson, Nompilo Zondi, said.

"This recruitment aims to top up teams to ensure that all teams are at their full strength in preparation for the

winter fire season," she said.

The Department of Environmental Affairs funded programme conducts annual recruitments, KZN general manager Winnie Ndlovu, said.

"This process assists us to make sure that all the teams are at full strength at all times. In the 30 teams of KZN, Each team has a total of 25 participants, that are physically fit and well trained in terms of integrated fire management activities."

WOF has hired 34 new participants and is still recruiting. By the end of February, 51 new recruits will undergo

vigorous 25-day training at the training academy in Nelspruit.

The training includes advanced fire fighting, fire safety and other specialised skills to inspire discipline.

"The rest of the participants in the province will be attending the annual Yellow Card training camp starting on April 1.

"This is a refresher training for all participants, which if passed certifies them to support local fire authorities during veld and forestry fire incidents," Ndlovu said.



HIRED: More recruits have been employed under Working on Fire (WoF), specifically youth who are in need of work.