Fire Management Career Ladders

Most careers in fire management start with some experience as a firefighter

	Operations	Aviation	Fuels	Dispatch
Early Career 1 – 5 Years	Firefighter • Engine • Hand crew Hotshot Crew member Squad Leader • Engine • Hand crew	Helicopter Module Smokejumper	Fuels Crew member Fuels Technician Prescribed Fire Monitor	Dispatcher • Local • GACC • NICC
Mid Career 6-10 Years	Crew Supervisor • Engine • Hand crew Fire Operations Specialist Hotshot Crew Superintendent Assistant Fire Management Officer	Helicopter Module Squad Leader Smokejumper Spotter Helicopter Manager Pilot Unit Aviation Officer or Manager	Prescribed Fire Manager Fire Planner	Assistant Center Manager • Local Logistics Coordinator • GACC • NICC Intelligence and Predictive Services
Later Career 10-25 Years	Fire Management Officer Assistant Fire Staff Officer Fire Staff Officer	Smokejumper Base Manager State/Regional Aviation Officer or Manager National Aviation Manager	State/Regional Prescribed Fire Manager National Fuels Program Manager	Emergency Operations Coordinator Intelligence and Predictive Services Center Manager • Local • GACC • NICC