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#### (S.D.)-SD Agency Hosts Wildfire Training Academy



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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota Wildland Fire agency is hosting a training academy for wildland firefighters.

The state agency reports that 266 firefighters have registered to attend the academy, which is being held in Fort Pierre on March 21-24.

Officials say firefighters from volunteer fire departments and state and federal agencies will use the training to gain fire qualifications and reinforce safety practices.

The academy is being funded by a grant from the U.S. Interior Department. Six South Dakota volunteer fire departments have applied for funding to attend the academy.