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# **THE GROWING COST OF WILDFIRES**

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A TRADITION OF QUALITY

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# NEPTUNE

AVIATION SERVICES

**Neptune's Core Values:**

**Embracing Family   Firm Handshake   Resilient Spirit**





# Neptune Aviation

## Who We Are:

- Industry Leader in Aerial Fire Fighting
- 28 years of aerial firefighting experience operating Large Air Tankers (LAT)
  - 51,775 flight hours
  - 62,654 successful fire support missions
  - 138,126,635 gallons of retardant delivered



# Our Team

## 130 Maintenance Personnel

- 900 years of airtanker experience
- 2100 years of aviation maintenance experience

## 35 Flight Personnel

- Train to high standards (averages 4 years to become a captain)
- 35,000 hrs airtanker firefighting operations experience
- 211,000 hrs of combined aircraft flight time





# Neptune's Fleet

- Operate 9 Bae-146 Airtankers modified exclusively in-house using company maintenance and engineering personnel
- Hold multiple FAA operating Certificates: FAR 135, 137 and 145





# Tools in the Toolbox

## Type of aircraft

- Air Attack
- Lead Plane
- SEATS
- LATS/VLATS
- Scoopers
- Helicopters of all kinds
- IR Aircraft
- MAFFS
- Smoke Jumper AC



# Asset Utilization

## Main uses for Large Air tankers

- Initial Attack (IA)
  - Most effective use of LAT aircraft
  - Most cost effective
- Extended Attack
  - Line building
  - Support Incident Command's objectives
- Direct Attack
  - Flame suppression efforts
  - Structure and personnel protection





# Contracting



- Large Airtanker Companies are directed and coordinated primarily through the United States Forest Service
- Airtanker Certification
- Aerial and ground resources are managed through the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) which is overseen by NIFC





Another record  
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