



### **General Goals**

1. Collaborate and communicate to improve and foster relations with organizations that share our goals and relative stakeholders.
2. Communicate and collaborate with IAFC sections, committees, and members.
3. Support diversity, equity and inclusion within the WFPC to include increased international representation and geographic representation.
4. Support a real-time single national incident data collection process and repository so we can accurately determine the size and complexity of the wildfire problem.
5. Equip, empower and educate local government officials, departments and cooperators about wildland fire, to include implementation of actions and activities in support of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and recommendations from *Wildland Urban Interface: A Look at Issues and Resolutions*.

### **National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy**

Collaborate, cooperate and communicate with all parties in working toward the following goals:

#### **Prevention/Mitigation - Healthy Landscapes and Fire-Adapted Communities**

1. Work toward the continued development and adoption by all levels of government of Wildland Urban Interface fire codes, Growth Management Comprehensive Plans and/or Land Development codes.
2. Cooperate and support wildfire mitigation efforts such as the Community Wildfire Protection Plans and fire adapted community programs.
3. Represent the local government fire service on the Wildland Fire Leadership Council, Regional Strategy Committees, National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and National Association of State Foresters to support the ***National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy*** implementation process.
4. Provide leadership and support the development, roll-out and implementation of The IAFC's Wildland Programs including the Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Program, Fire Department Exchange (FDX), the WUI Chief's Guide, and other targeted resources.
5. Support USDA Forest Service Shared Stewardship and cross-boundary efforts to the benefit of local communities.

#### **Response – Safe and Coordinated Response that Promotes Safety and Reduces Costs**

1. Collaboratively implement alternative training, speed to competency, and certification process for wildland fire responders.
2. Support the development and implementation of a cooperative state, national and



international mutual aid system.

3. Promote and streamline the process to use local government fire department resources for fire suppression as well as emergency medical aid and technical rescue on wildland and wildland urban interface incidents.
4. Support the premise that, for other than true mutual aide, the Provider Agency or local agency should recover all costs in a timely manner associated with the deployment of resources: thus, the local taxpayer is not subsidizing another jurisdiction. The development of a standardized methodology for agreements and reimbursement will accelerate the achievement of this goal.
5. Work with stakeholders to develop and share best practices for community resilience, evacuation and post fire recovery. Enhance and expand the RSG! Program, FDX and the WUI Chief's Guide, and work with law enforcement and other stakeholders to address evacuation at the local level.

#### **Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Department of the Interior, USDA Forest Service**

Under the current cooperative agreement, the IAFC, the USFS and the Department of Interior will work to improve the effectiveness of fire service responders as part of the overall management of wildland and WUI fires. While it is expected that a number of measurable results will be achieved through this collaboration, the IAFC and its federal partners also recognize the need for a flexible partnership to ensure a rapid and effective response to emerging issues. The IAFC will undertake the below overall initiatives in addition to responding to emerging wildland fire issues.

1. Support the activities of the IAFC Wildland Fire Policy Committee.
2. Continued development and implementation of the IAFC's Wildland Programs including the RSG! Program, FDX and WUI Chief's Guide to support of the concept, program and coalition of fire adapted communities.
3. Continued contributions toward implementation, and on-going maintenance of the **National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy**.
4. Direct involvement in addressing National Wildfire Coordinating Group priority items to include, but not limited to:
  - a. Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT)
  - b. Qualifications – Recognition of Prior Learning, Endorsements, Crosswalk
  - c. Training – support easy access and advocate for increased virtual and distance delivery
  - d. Leadership – support Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program
  - e. National Multi Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) – advocate for increased IAFC involvement as appropriate, promote an effective national mutual aid system.
  - f. Health and Safety – Promote all items related to reciprocity for EMS providers, delivery of emergency medical services on incidents, physical and mental health, and prevention of injuries, long term health issues, and communicable diseases.



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**Proposed Committee Meeting Schedule**

The Wildland Fire Policy Committee (WFPC) intends to hold monthly conference calls and a minimum of two in-person meetings annually which may be in conjunction with events listed below. The WFPC will maintain flexibility to alter schedule and meeting platforms should circumstances require.

- International Association of Fire Chiefs WUI annual Conference
- Fire-Rescue International
- Strategic Planning Meeting – as needed and funded