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Wildland Fire Policy Committee Strategic Plan April 2005 Approved by IAFC Board June 2005

The Problem

Wildland fire kills our firefighters and citizens, threatens our communities, destroys our natural resources and costs too much.

--IAFC Wildland Fire Policy Committee

Solutions

The IAFC Wildland Fire Policy Committee (WFPC) will collaborate, cooperate and communicate with all interested parties in working towards two goals to resolve the stated problem:

- Prevention/Mitigation Goal
- Response Goal

The WFPC has identified initiatives that will successfully achieve these goals.

PREVENTION/MITIGATION GOAL

Goal Statement:

Provide leadership to effectively mitigate the costs and losses due to wildland fire

Initiatives:

Develop a statement of the problem that we are correcting, so that we are clear in our goal

Support a incident data collection process to determine the size and complexity of the wildland fire problem

Collaborate and communicate to improve and foster relations with organizations that share our goals, such as: National Association of State Foresters, the Department of Interior, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Association of Counties, state fire chief associations, the insurance industry, the planning community (i.e. APA), the environmental community, the National League of Cities, WFLC, etc.

Cooperate and support defensible space efforts such as the Community Wildfire Prevention Plan-Leaders Guide and adoption of wildland fire codes

Support collaborative efforts to develop fuels management programs for the public and the fire service

Communicate and support public education of the wildland fire problem

Collaborate and support cost containment efforts to combat the escalating costs of wildland fire suppression

- Review the FIRE Act as it relates to wildland fire issues



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Support the Rural Volunteer Fire Assistance (administered through state foresters)
Communicate with IAFC members the actions of the committee

RESPONSE GOAL

Goal Statement:

Provide leadership to create a coordinated and integrated response to wildland fire, reducing costs and losses.

Initiatives:

- Cooperate and support the adoption the Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) concept
- Collaboratively work to define the NIMS and wildland fire relationship
- Cooperatively define IAFC relationship with NWCG
- Understanding of the NIC and its role in wildand fire
- Collaboratively develop an alternative training concept and a certification process
- Develop a crosswalk between structural and wildland fire training
- Communicate the need for and cooperatively develop a community liaison position in the ICS
- Support and encourage cooperative statewide and interstate mutual aid systems
- Encourage and support radio interoperability
- Develop a model for Local Incident Management Teams:
 - 90 engines on any fire in 90 minutes
 - Trained, local managers to handle that volume
 - Policy statement on utilization of local resources
- Support cost containment efforts to combat the escalating costs of wildland fire suppression
- Communicate with IAFC members the actions of the committee

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- Understand our staff needs
- Develop picture of our committee (international, qualifications, etc.)
- Track results of what you want to do vs. year in review