



This document will serve to guide the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) Wildland Fire Policy Committee actions through 2014, and will be updated as needed.

General Goals – Foster Relationships

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.

National Cohesive Strategy

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

Prevention/Mitigation - Healthy Landscapes and Fire-Adapted Communities

1. Work towards 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, Wildland Fire Executive Council, and National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and support the *National Cohesive Strategy* development and implementation process.
4. Provide leadership and support the development, roll-out and implementation of the Ready, Set, Go! program nationally.
5. Support a real-time single national incident data collection process and repository so that we can accurately determine the size and complexity of the wildland fire problem.

Response – Safe and Coordinated Response that Promotes Safety and Reduces Costs.

1. Collaboratively develop an alternative training concept and a certification process for wildland fire responders.
2. Support the development and implementation of a cooperative state, national and international mutual aid system.



3. Encourage and support radio and technology interoperability.
4. Support the premise that, for other than true mutual aid, the Provider Agency or local government should recover all costs associated with the deployment of resources; thus the local taxpayer is not subsidizing another jurisdiction.
5. Support the concept of unified command and/or coordination (where appropriate) in local agreements and operational practices.
6. Work with key stakeholders to develop a model evacuation guide.

Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. 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 Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Program and support of the concept, program and coalition of Fire Adapted Communities.
3. Continued contributions toward the final development, implementation, and on-going maintenance of the *National Cohesive Strategy*.

Proposed Committee Meeting Schedule

- International Association of Fire Chiefs WUI annual Conference – March of each year
- Fire-Rescue International – August or September of each year
- Strategic Planning Meeting – as needed and funded