

# PREPARING FOR WILDFIRES: MOVING FROM CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY

## A Workshop for Cooperative Extension Educators and Community Leaders

March 10-12, 2015 – Tucson, Arizona

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:00 – 8:00 Registration Check-in
- 8:00 – 8:10 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Workshop Co-Chairs Doug Cram and Julie Rogers
- 8:10 – 8:30 Why Are We Here? Part 1: An Experience of the Cedar Fire (San Diego 2003) – Fire Chief Colin Wilson (retired), Anderson Valley, California
- 8:30 – 8:50 Why Are We Here? Part 2: The Faces Project: The Story of the Victims of Southern California's 2003 Fire Siege – Bob Mutch, Consultant, Fire Management Applications
- 8:50 – 9:20 History of Fire in the West – Doug Cram, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Wildland Fire Specialist
- 9:20 – 10:00 The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy: What it Means to You  
-- Katie Lighthall, Coordinator, Western Region, Cohesive Wildland Fire Mgmt. Strategy  
-- Craig Goodell, Fire Ecologist, Bureau of Land Management & U.S. Forest Service
- 10:00 – 10:30 *Break and Poster Session*
- 10:30 – 12:00 How Cooperative Extension Educators Make a Difference Before, During, and After Fires  
-- Ed Smith, Living With Fire Program, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension  
-- Stephen Fitzgerald, Oregon State University Extension Service, representing the Citizen Fire Academy  
-- Alan Long, Southern Fire Exchange and Tall Timbers Research Station
- 12:00 – 1:00 *Catered Lunch*
- 1:00 – 1:20 Primer on Fire Behavior – Stephen Fitzgerald, Oregon State University Extension Service
- 1:20 – 2:10 Buildings in Wildfire-Prone Areas: Assessing Vulnerabilities and Evaluating Mitigation Strategies – Dr. Steve Quarles, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety
- 2:10 – 2:30 Applying the Science: Preparing Your Home and Property for Wildfires – Fire Chief Colin Wilson (retired), Anderson Valley, California
- 2:30 – 3:00 Insurance Issues Before and After Fires – Emily Cabral, United Policyholders
- 3:00 – 3:30 *Break and Poster Session*
- 3:30 – 4:00 Applying a Network Approach to Growing Fire Adapted Communities – Nick Goulette, Project Director, Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
- 4:00 – 5:00 Interface Choices: Prepare / Go Early / Stay and Defend – Bob Mutch, Consultant, Fire Management Applications, Missoula, Montana
- 5:00 – 6:30 *Reception/Social Hour*

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

- 7:00 – 8:00 Registration Check-in
- 8:00 – 8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Dr. Jeffrey Silvertooth, University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Associate Dean and Cooperative Extension Director; and Jeff Whitney, State Forester, Arizona State Forestry Division; with introductions by University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Agent Chris Jones
- 8:30 – 9:10 Sources of Science-based Information about Wildland Fires  
-- Cooperative Extension Resources: EDEN, eWIN, and More – Glenn Nader, University of California Cooperative Extension  
-- The Joint Fire Science Program's Fire Science Consortia – Andi Thode, Northern Arizona University and Southwest Fire Science Consortium
- 9:10 – 10:00 Invasive Species as Wildfire Hazards  
-- Chris Jones, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension (Moderator)  
-- Lindy Brigham, Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center  
-- Peter Warren, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
- 10:00 – 10:30 Break and Poster Session*
- 10:30 – 11:30 Community Action Models Before and During Wildfires: Lessons Learned in Mendocino County, California  
-- Julie Rogers, Fire-Adapted Communities Specialist and Co-Founder of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council (MCFSC)  
-- Colin Wilson, Anderson Valley Fire Chief (retired), and Co-Founder of the MCFSC  
-- Lauren Robertson, Founding President of Pine Mountain Fire Safe Council
- 11:30 – 12:00 The United States of Disaster: Fire and American Policy – Scott Knowles, Drexel University
- 12:00 – 1:00 Catered Lunch*
- 1:00 – 1:30 The 2003 Aspen Fire: A Photo Presentation of the Need to Prepare – Michael Stanley, Manager, Mt. Lemmon Water District, Summerhaven, Arizona
- 1:30 – 2:10 Managing Landscapes After Fires  
Debris Flows and Flood Hazards – Ann Youberg, Arizona Geological Survey  
Deciding If and How to Help Your Property Recover – Susie Kocher, University of California Cooperative Extension
- 2:10 – 2:30 Special Considerations in Ranch and Rural Settings – Glenn Nader, University of California Cooperative Extension
- 2:30 – 3:00 Break and Poster Session*
- 3:00 – 4:40 Roundtable Discussions and Report-Backs – 6-8 topics to be determined
- 4:40 – 5:00 The Community of Fire – Janean Creighton, Oregon State University Extension Service and Northwest Fire Science Consortium