



COLORADO

Division of Fire Prevention & Control

Department of Public Safety

DFPC Partners,

In the Fall of 2017, the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) met with the Wildfire Matters Review Committee to present and discuss topics including wildfire resources, wildfire roles and responsibilities in Colorado, trends in fire occurrence and costs, as well as future wildfire issues and needs in Colorado. This presentation included various gaps that had been identified during DFPC's strategic planning process.

In light of large-scale WUI incidents around the country, DFPC has been receiving questions about Colorado's preparedness for and ability to manage those types of events, including the availability and efficiency of existing systems and resources. Through discussions with various legislative groups, DFPC has been tasked to engage with our partners and stakeholders to identify issues, needs and solutions that fit Colorado. Our goal in this effort is to "shoot for the A," and develop robust recommendations for the future.

With support from our partners, DFPC will be creating work groups to further examine the issues and develop recommendations for how we can best support Colorado's firefighting community. We are requesting nominations for subject matter experts (members) to serve on one of the working groups listed below. It is critical to have representation from across the state, so we can identify the needs of all local agencies, and develop proactive, innovative solutions. As we would like to move forward on recommendations by this Spring, participation in these work groups will be intensive but relatively short-lived.

We would like to invite you to express interest in serving on one of the committees or consider nominating a subject matter expert to assist with this endeavor. We are looking for a diverse group of agency representation and geographic diversity to ensure that all impacted stakeholders have a voice on the working groups. Applications are due by January 19, 2018 and will be collected via [this google form](#).

The next steps in this process include the following:

1) DFPC and key stakeholders will review the nominations and form working groups by January 24, 2018. We are forming two groups to address:

Tactical Resources

- Airtanker, Helicopter and MMA Availability
- Hand Crews and Squads
- Engine Strike Team and Task Force Capacity
- Heavy Equipment
- Response Overhead to Manage and Support Resources

Dispatch and Preparedness

- Statewide, Year-Round Dispatch Capability
- Preparedness, Support, IMT Assistance, and Fire Management Staff
- Initial Attack Coordination
- Training/Crosswalks
- Planning and Implementation of Mitigation Programs

2) Working Groups will first come together on February 15 after the regularly scheduled DFPC Wildfire Advisory Committee and determine a schedule for future meetings.

3) Working Groups will meet to develop recommended solutions on the issues listed above, with a Working Draft submitted to DFPC by April 6, 2018. This draft will be distributed to a wide array of stakeholders for review.

4) After review, DFPC will adopt selected recommendations and use them to develop a plan on how DFPC can best support the future needs of Colorado's Fire Service.

If you are interested- or know of a subject matter expert that would like to serve on one of the committee's- [please apply here.](#) Applications are due January 19, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael C. Morgan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael C. Morgan
Director