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Highlights of Local Partnership  
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**Building Local Partnerships in a  
“Fire Adapted Community”**

**Lucian Deaton – RSG! Program Manager  
International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)**



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***Agenda***

**Local Partnership Building & FAC**

**Highlights from Department, County &  
Regional Perspectives**

**Panel Discussion & Questions**



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***Speakers***

***Captain Jerry McAdams  
Boise Fire Department***

***John Cowie, Barnegat Vol. Fire Co. #1 /  
NJ Forest Fire Service District Fire Warden***

***Nick Goulette, Exec Dir., Watershed  
Research & Training Center***

# *National Level Response*

- RSG Role in National Policy
  - National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Report, April 2011
    - Restoring and Maintaining Resilient Landscapes
    - *Creating Fire Adapted Communities*
    - Responding to Wildfires



# *National Level Response*

## – Creating Communities Adapted to the Fire Threat



- Collaborative efforts at the community level
- Learn more at [www.FireAdapted.org](http://www.FireAdapted.org)





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**Local Partnership Building in Boise, ID**

**Captain Jerry McAdams**

**Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator**

**Boise Fire Department**

**Boise, Idaho**



# *Building Local Partnerships*

- Identify the Need
- Identify Stakeholders
- Meet with Stakeholders
- Identify Funding Sources
- Put a Game-Plan Together
- Create Opportunities for New Partnerships



***“Have a passion for what you do;  
people’s lives and property are at stake!”***



# Building Local Partnerships

- Identify the Need
  - Fire Danger
  - Loss Potential
  - Public Awareness
  - Community Indifference/Apathy
  - Be Proactive and Get Out Ahead of It!



# Building Local Partnerships

- Identify Stakeholders – Think Outside the Box!
  - Homeowners
  - Internal Partners



Parks &  
Recreation



Planning &  
Development  
Services

- Funding Sources
- Educational Institutions
- Volunteer Organizations
- Conservation Organizations
- Fed, State & Local Agencies



# Building Local Partnerships

- Meet with Stakeholders
  - Identify Common Issues and Interests
    - Collaboration and cost-sharing
  - Build on Others Good and Bad Ideas
    - Don't spin your wheels
    - Don't reinvent the wheel
    - Work smarter, not harder
    - What worked, what didn't



***“You cannot overstate the importance of building strong, cooperative partnerships!”***



# Building Local Partnerships

- Identify Funding Sources

- Grants

- FEMA
    - State BHS
    - Public Utilities
    - State Forestry
    - County Emergency Management
    - Private Corporations and Foundations
    - Resource Conservation & Development Councils

- Your Agency

- Volunteer Labor

- Think Outside the Box!

Southwest Idaho RC&D  
Payment Request

CONTACT PERSON: **JERRY MCADAMS** DATE: **8-17-12**  
AGENCY: **BOISE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
ADDRESS: **333 N. MARK STALL PL., BOISE, IDAHO 83704-0644**  
PHONE NO: **208-570-6576** CELL NO:

PLEASE PAY AS FOLLOWS: (Check one Box)  
Pay directly to Contractor or Vendor from attached invoice(s).  
 Reimburse member Agency, Invoice copies attached.

PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO:  
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BOISE, ID 83704-0644**

ITEMIZATION OF ATTACHMENTS: (Please attach all invoices and receipts)

DATE	INVOICE NO.	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
8-17-12	036312 (for reference only) - total invoice of \$4,500 already paid on May 11, 2012 by Boise Fire Department	NFPA Home Ignition Zone Class	\$2,250.00

*Use separate sheet for additional items*

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: **\$2,250.00**

I certify and affirm that the above expenditures are just and true and that payment therefor has not been received.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title **CAPTAIN**



# Building Local Partnerships

- Put a Game-Plan Together
  - **Prioritize Projects**
    - Greatest impact
    - High hazardous areas
    - Agency owned properties
    - Projects with cost-sharing potential
    - Within organizational/coalition capacity
  - **Build Community Support**
  - **Look at Long-Term Sustainability**
  - **Set Realistic Goals and Expectations**





# Building Local Partnerships

- Create Opportunities for New Partnerships
  - Wildfire Mitigation Forum



- Newsletters, websites, Facebook, Twitter, etc....





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A large, semi-transparent image of a hand holding a fire hose, with a white airplane flying in the background. The hand is positioned as if holding the hose, and the airplane is flying from left to right. The background is a misty or smoky landscape.

**Local Partnership Building  
in Barnegat, NJ**

**John Cowie**

**Barnegat, NJ, Volunteer Fire Company # 1**

**NJ Forest Fire Service District Fire Warden**

# *Building Local Partnerships*

- Identify Stakeholders
  - On Fires
  - Local Emergency Management
  - Community Leaders
  - Anyone Involved with or Effected by Wildfire



# *Building Local Partnerships*

- Building Relationships
  - Community Programs: HOAs, Church Groups, etc.
  - Work with Other Emergency Service Groups on Community Programs
  - Establish a Line of Communication with State and Federal Agencies Involved (TFS, NJFFS, etc.)



# Building Local Partnerships

- Identify Community Dynamics

- Is there one Continuous Community?
- Are There Many Communities within your Jurisdiction? (ex: Barnegat, NJ)



# *Building Local Partnerships*

- Develop Open Communication
  - Start a Monthly, Quarterly, or Bi-Annual meeting
  - Ex: Barnegat, NJ, Quarterly Fire Risk Meeting
  - Strengthening Working Relationships
  - Keeping Stakeholders from Becoming Complacent







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**Local Partnership Building  
at the “Regional” Level**

**Nick Goulette  
Executive Director, Watershed  
Research & Training Center**

# *Building Local Partnerships*

- Local leaders have been advancing and practicing “Fire Adapted Communities” strategies for many years
- The “FAC” concept helps to frame the approach and bring together tools and resources that support this local work
- Sharing learning around challenges, innovations and best practices is a key strategy in accelerating adoption of FAC strategies



# *Building Local Partnerships*

- A “Learning Network” for accelerating the growth of Fire Adapted Communities
  - A pilot project supported by the US Forest Service
  - Adapt lessons from the long-standing Fire Learning Network (a partnership between the Forest Service, US DOI agencies and The Nature Conservancy)
  - Facilitate multi-scalar learning to accelerate the development of fire adapted communities



# Building Local Partnerships

- Why invest in multi-scalar learning?
- A common suite of strategies
- A diverse range of community contexts
- A wide range of policies and programs in support



# Building Local Partnerships

- The FAC Learning Network approach
- Model best-practices
  - “pilot communities”
- Support learning across communities of place and practice
  - Facilitate learning among pilot communities
  - Facilitate learning across all at-risk communities
    - “hub” organizations integrate FAC concepts and learning into mitigation-focused state and regional events (WUI conferences, workshops, etc.)
- Synthesize trends in practice
  - Emphasize relevance to fed programs and policy



# Building Local Partnerships

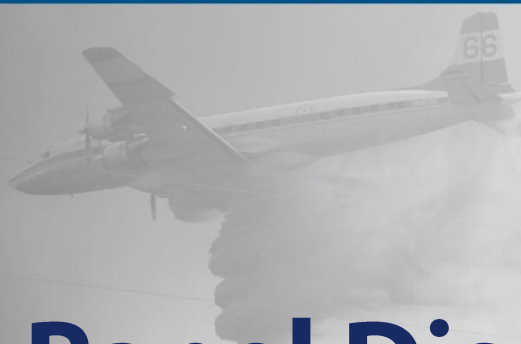
- The FAC Learning Network pilot project
  - June 2013-14
  - 8 pilot communities and sub-regional hubs
    - Local work plans – typically focused on formalizing coordination, CWPP revisions, and implementing prioritized actions
    - Hubs will work on integrating FAC concepts and learning with state and regional events
  - Project leads will facilitate and synthesize learning, integrate with FAC Coalition work and, provide information and resources at [fireadapted.org](http://fireadapted.org)







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**Panel Discussion**



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