

HISTORY OF THE RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION

Year	Location	Theme
1961	Newcastle	Unknown
1962	Sundance	Unknown
1963	Lusk	Unknown
1964	Torrington	Unknown
1965	Douglas	Unknown
1966	Riverton	Unknown
1967	Wheatland	Unknown
1968	Jackson	Unknown
1969	Casper	Unknown
1970	Sheridan	Unknown
1971	Cheyenne	Unknown
1972	Casper	Unknown
1973	Rawlins	Unknown
1974	Gillette	Energy Development and Rural Protection
1975	Riverton	Equipment Development and Use
1976	Laramie	Future of Rural Fire Protection
1977	Sheridan	Rural Fire Protection - The Job
1978	Newcastle	Hazardous Material Fire Problems
1979	Thermopolis	Large Rural Fire Suppression
1980	Riverton	Rural Fire Funding
1981	Casper	Improving Rural Fire Protection
1982	Douglas	Cooperative Rural Fire Protection
1983	Gillette	Cost Effective Fire Suppression
1984	Wheatland	Mutual Aid and Disaster Assistance
1985	Casper	"1985 Lessons Learned"
1986	Riverton	Training for Excellence
1987	Douglas	Rural Fire Readiness
1988	Newcastle	Success through Cooperation
1989	Riverton	Big Fires Start Small
1990	Casper	Firefighting - Then and Now
1991	Rawlins	Planning for the Future
1992	Gillette	Fire Service Training for the 90's
1993	Riverton	"Remember - Smokey has for 50 years
1994	Newcastle	Look Up - Look Down - Look Around
1995	Rock Springs	Safety - Everyone's Responsibility
1996	Buffalo	Burned, Learned, Reviewed, Renewed
1997	Cheyenne	"Wildfire in the West"
1998	Casper	"Wild West" Ocean to Ocean
1999	Pinedale	The Broad Responsibilities of Rural Firefighting
2000	Torrington	The New Millennium, Were We Ready
2001	Sheridan	"What's the Value" and "What's the Risk"
2002	Thermopolis	Prescribed Fire and the Urban Interface
2003	Newcastle	Structure Protection-Are You Ready for This?
2004	Rock Springs	Victim or Survivor-Knowledge Makes a Difference
2005	Buffalo	All Risk Effective Teams
2006	Dubois	Prepare for the Future-Learn from the Past
2007	Worland	Success through Partnership
2008	Evanston	Training is the Key to Survival
2009	Casper	Learning from History
2010	Laramie	Historical Perspective
2011	Gillette	Tools - Old and New
2012	Jackson	Wyoming Wildfire 2012-Success Forged by Fire
2013	Jackson	Challenges & Successes Agency Cooperation
2014	Douglas	Unknown
2015	Lander	Unknown
2016	Cheyenne	Wyoming State Forestry
2017	Buffalo	Firefighters at Risk
2018	Rock Springs	All Hazards to Mega Fires, the 21st Century
2019	Cody	Turn the Ship Around
2020	Pinedale	Taking Care of Our Own - Canceled Due to Covid
2021	Casper	Taking Care of Our Own
2022	Casper	Recruitment & Retention
2023	Casper	Anticipating the Event

WYOMING RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION & WYOMING FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

The Wyoming State Fire Advisory Board is the Executive Board for the Wyoming State Rural Fire Association, which represents all twenty-three Wyoming counties in matters pertaining to rural fire response. The Wyoming State Fire Advisory Board is comprised of five elected members representing each of the Wyoming State Forestry Districts in the state. The Fire Advisory Board advises and assists the Wyoming State Board of Land Commissioners, the Wyoming State Forestry Division, and the Wyoming State Rural Fire Association in matters concerning interagency fire management agreements, fire response standards, wildland fire training, rural fire prevention, and other matters regarding rural fire management. The Fire Advisory Board concentrates specifically on the following areas of focus:

- Coordination, collaboration, partnership, and networking between local, state, and federal firefighting agencies as well as stakeholders
- Promoting the interests of the Rural Fire Association to state and federal agencies, state legislators, and the Governor's staff
- Lobbying the Wyoming State Legislature to advocate for membership on behalf of rural fire departments and County Fire Wardens
- Appointing and overseeing the training committee to review NWCG task books and wildland fire classes available through the Wyoming State Forestry Rural Trainer and the Wyoming Fire Academy
- Supporting and promoting wildland fire grants including the Tri-State Training, Volunteer Fire Assistance and the State Fire Assistance grants
- Organizing and facilitating the Rural Fire Association meetings
- Providing special recognition of individuals and/or organizations on behalf of the Rural Fire Association membership

64th ANNUAL WYOMING RURAL FIRE MEETING

Readiness, Response, & Recovery

CASPER, WYOMING

DEC 4 – DEC 6, 2024

Best Western Downtown Casper
123 W E Street, Casper, WY

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PRESENTATION SUMMARY

County Fire Warden Responsibilities

Presenters: Kelly Norris, Shielah Esterholdt, Chris Fallbeck, Wyo. State Forestry Division

Description: County Fire Wardens have significant statutory responsibility to coordinate fire suppression and prevention activities within their respective counties. This presentation will include information and requirements about Fire Restrictions, Annual Operating Plans (AOP), Emergency Fire Suppression Account (EFSA), Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG), Cost Share Agreements, Fire Reporting, and several other important topics.

2024 Wyo. Wildland Fire Season Review

Description: With nearly 900,000 acres burned, the 2024 wildfire season in Wyoming was one of the most destructive since the devastating fires of 1988. This presentation will discuss the complex challenges faced by Wyoming's local, state, and federal firefighting resources regarding multi-jurisdictional response, mutual aid, coordination, interoperability, evacuations, public information, and many other topics. Key leaders from the following large fires will present information about **readiness, response, and recovery**. Discussion will include lessons learned and recommendations for future fire management in Wyoming.

- *Happy Jack Fire*
- *Pleasant Valley Fire*
- *House Draw Fire*
- *Flatrock Fire*
- *Elk Fire*

MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Description</i>
1200	1800	Conference Registration Open
1400	1500	Rural Training Committee Meeting
1500	1600	Mini-Mob Committee Meeting
1600	1700	Wyoming Type 3 Team Meeting
1700	1800	Legislative Committee Meeting
1800	1900	County Fire Warden's Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2024

<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Description</i>
0700	0800	Conference Registration
0800	1200	Wyoming Rural Fire & Wyo Fire Chiefs Association Joint Meeting
1200	1300	Lunch
1300	1530	Training Topic: Marshall Fire Facilitated Learning Analysis
1540	1700	Training Topic: Fire Warden Responsibilities, EFSA, FMAG, CSA
1800	1900	Social Hour - Cash Bar
1900	2100	Social Banquet & Cash Bar – Hosted by Uinta County Fire – Sponsored by various vendors

Friday, December 6, 2024

<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Description</i>
0800	0930	2024 Wyo. Wildfire Season Review
0940	1045	Rural Fire Assc. – Old Business
1045	1200	Rural Fire Assc. – New Business
1200		Rural Fire Meeting Conclusion
1300	1400	Fire Advisory Board Meeting

*Schedule Last Updated: 10/21/24
Subject to Change*

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

MARSHALL FIRE – Boulder County, CO FACILITATED LEARNING ANALYSIS

Presenter: Keith Long, Asst. Fire Chief (Ret.)

Bio: Keith Long recently retired after 42 years as an Assistant Chief of Special Operations. He is the Deputy Incident Commander of the Rocky Mountain Team CIMT1 (formally Type 1). Throughout his career he has worked in 27 states on an array of assignments including Wildland, Floods, Hurricanes and Pandemics. He was the Type 3 Incident Commander on the Boulder County Type 3 Team for 7 years. During the Marshall Fire, he was the Initial Attack Incident Commander, then Operations Section Chief, and when the Type 1 Incident Management Team arrived, Keith assumed the role of Deputy Incident Commander. Most recently RMT1 was assigned to Hurricane Helene in Ashville, North Carolina. One of his passions is the application of Risk Management in All Hazards and well as Wildland incidents.

The Marshall Fire, Dec 30, 2021

An in-depth look at the events leading up to, during, and the aftermath of the Marshall Fire. The initial event started as a wildland fire and quickly spread to a chaotic conflagration. This discussion will present a firsthand discussion from the Initial Attack Incident Commander's perspective.

- Was the local community prepared?
- What were the factors that influenced fire spread?
- What challenges did first responders face?
- What were the key decisions made throughout the event?
- What were the political ramifications?
- What were the notable successes?
- What were the lessons learned?
- What has changed since the most destructive fire in Colorado's history?